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### Argentine Teacher At AHS On AFS Exchange Program

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

For the first time at Agawam High School, the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is sponsoring a visiting teacher as well as the chapter's usual complement of foreign exchange students.

Arriving from warm and sunny Argentina on Thursday, January 16th at Bradley Airport was Ana Irene Atienza. Greeting Ana was her AFS host family, Richard & Marion Brindle of Barney Street, Agawam. Of course, on the day she arrived, the wind chill factor was nearly 30 below zero and the AFS exchange teacher knew for sure the summer days of Argentina were well behind her.

The Brindles are former AFS host parents (1977) when they hosted a girl from Japan on the one year student program. Both are active members of the community. Richard Brindle is a member of Town Council and is chairman of the board of trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

And the Brindles proved again that the AFS experience is indeed, one that often lasts a lifetime.

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AFS EXCHANGE TEACHER Ana An-tienza is team teaching at Agawam High.

### St. John's Prepares For Annual Supper



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH is planning its Annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, February 13th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Making plans for the supper are, from left - Alice Pietroniro, Jenny Christopher, Eleanor Pietroniro, and Evelyn Romano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Johnson's Address Includes Emphasis On Town Schools

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented his third "State of the City/Town" address at Agawam Middle School Monday night before Town Council and live public access television cameras.

Johnson said his focus, again, would be Agawam's future. "I have always tried to approach all my decisions with an eye towards tomorrow and with the future of Agawam in mind," he said.

"Agawam has remained in relatively strong financial shape considering a massive loss of over \$5.6 million in local aid from the Commonwealth over the past three years.

"1992 will be the toughest budget year the town will face. Even with level funding from the state, our local revenues will decline. I expect that local receipts will be down close to \$2 million this year."

**Will Work With Council & School Committee**  
Johnson pledged to work with Town Council and the School Committee to maintain the present level of services provided in Agawam and urged

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### Council Defeats Financial Filing After Bitter Debate

Town Councilors began the month of February at Monday night's meeting in a bitter and confusing debate over a proposal for financial disclosure by candidates running for public office in town.

The proposal, offered by Town Councilor Joanne Willis for what she said was an effort to restore public confidence in politics, was eventually defeated by a 9-2 vote.

According to the plan, candidates in Agawam would be asked to reveal business associations, income, debts, and real estate on a financial disclosure.

Mrs. Willis began by asking to table the proposal for further legal clarification from Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke.

But this immediately drew fire from Councilors Edward A. Caba and Thomas Ennis. Ennis called Mrs. Willis' request to table the proposal "a stalling tactic" and was quickly ruled out of order by council President Jessie D. Fuller.

**Let's See If We Wish To Continue**

Councilor Walter Balboni then said the matter should be discussed to see if the majority of the council wished to continue the process of researching the issue or if it (the council) would prefer not to explore it any further.

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Ennis questioned why the proposal had not been brought to the rules and regulations committee, which is chaired by Councilor Nancy Gravel.

Mrs. Gravel said she was planning to meet with Mrs. Willis to set a date for the committee to meet following Monday night's meeting.

Ennis also said the homework on the proposal was not done and labeled it a political stunt.

The debate then become clouded over parliamentary procedure when Mrs. Fuller indicated that a voice vote had indeed tabled the proposal, as requested by Mrs. Willis.

Mrs. Fuller's ruling was immediately challenged.

On the roll call vote that challenged the chair, Mrs. Fuller's ruling was overturned, prompting her to say, "I don't know what is going on here. I don't like what is going on here. This meeting has been disrupted. This is no way to do business."

Mrs. Willis added that the issue had degenerated into a discussion about procedure,

noting that the backbone of her proposal had originated from a special act of the State Legislature concerning financial disclosures for those seeking state office.

Councilors voted 6-5 against tabling the proposal.

**Balboni Took The Offensive**

Balboni then became the main focus of the debate, saying he held serious concerns and reservations about the proposal.

Balboni said the proposal was an infringement on a person's right to privacy and would present another stumbling block (for people to seek office) "in our Democratic process."

"It's bad enough we have to report to the IRS once a year without telling your neighbors, too. This would eliminate many potential candidates (from seeking office)."

Mrs. Willis said the intent of the proposal was designed to prevent conflicts for public officials, "even inadvertent ones. It guarantees ethics in our government."

She also said that senior citizens in the community must fill out detailed financial disclosures

at Town Hall when filing for an abatement on property taxes. "Are we above the people we serve?" Mrs. Willis declared.

**State Officials Must Do It**

She also noted that the local state senator and state representative, and other public officials must file the disclosures, but refuted a remark made by Balboni that indicated that all employees of the town would be bound by this proposal.

Councilor Gary Suffriti, who was against the proposal, said it was "sending the wrong message," while Ennis, who ran as a businessman, added, "I feel that when my work (he owns a sign shop) interferes with my judgment, I will abstain (as a councilor when voting on an issue)."

Ennis was then ruled out of order by Mrs. Fuller again when he tried to discuss a council vote taken in August.

Councilors voting against the proposal included George Bitzas, Louis Russo, James Taylor, Richard Brindle, Caba, Suffriti, Balboni, Mrs. Gravel, and Ennis.

Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Willis voted in favor.

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that "we spend available debt capacity (due to the payoff of several major bonds) for future capital improvements."

"In this light, I plan to bring back to the council the acquisition of the Tennis Road property. In the long run, action now will save the taxpayers thousands, if not millions, of dollars in the future," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, the major issue facing the School Committee, which he now chairs, is the naming of a new superintendent of schools. Present Superintendent James V. Bruno, Jr. announced his retirement at the beginning of the 1991-92 school year, effective next year.

Johnson said the new superintendent will lead the town's schools through the 1990's. "I believe this decade will bring radical changes to public education across America."

The Mayor cited the proposals offered to "reform education on the state level as well as the America 2000 Education Strategy on the federal level" as supporting the differences that may occur.

On the local level, Johnson noted, "It seems that the perception in some quarters of our community is that our public schools are a closed system - a system where complaints and advice are ignored (and complainants are branded as troublemakers)."

Johnson stated, "I want this perception shattered." He offered a series of assessment surveys intended to improve the town's public schools.

The surveys will include a School Climate Study, a Student Satisfaction Survey, a Teacher Satisfaction Survey, and a Parent Satisfaction Survey. "The information gathered by these surveys will be invaluable to opening up our schools and beginning the free flow of information at all levels," said Johnson.

"We must tap the wealth of knowledge and experience in our parents and citizens to make our schools more effective. I also believe that the results of these surveys will be a tremendous asset to the new superintendent in forming a strategy to improve the effectiveness of the Agawam Public Schools," added Johnson.

**Partnership Between Schools & Business**

Johnson also seeks the partnership between

the town's schools and the business community strengthened. "I believe that we need to establish a program where we ask local residents to patronize local business in exchange for local business directly supporting public education in Agawam."

Johnson said he envisions businesses giving local residents coupons or I.D. badges that will allow a certain percentage of those sales to go directly to public education with residents patronizing business.

He further elaborated that the funds raised from such a program might be invested in the new legislation establishing an Instructional Educational Trust Fund. "The principle of this fund will continue to grow as the interest is used to provide direct assistance in the classroom (with much needed instructional materials). The result is a lasting source of funding to improve education in Agawam," Johnson said.

The Instructional Trust Fund was put on the council agenda under new business following the Mayor's address and will be discussed at the council's February 18th meeting.

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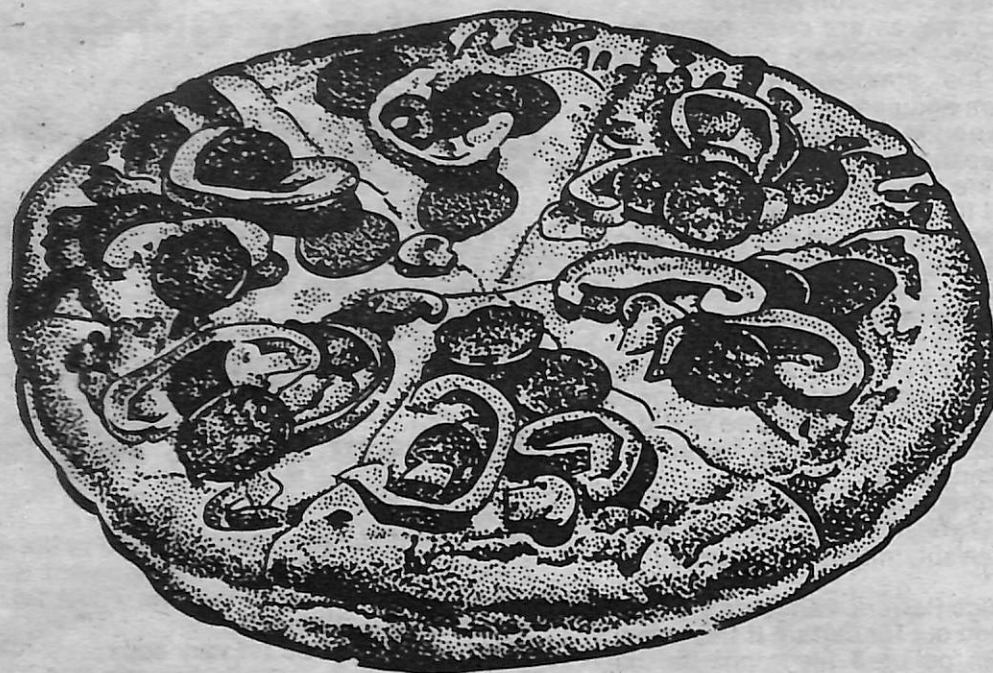
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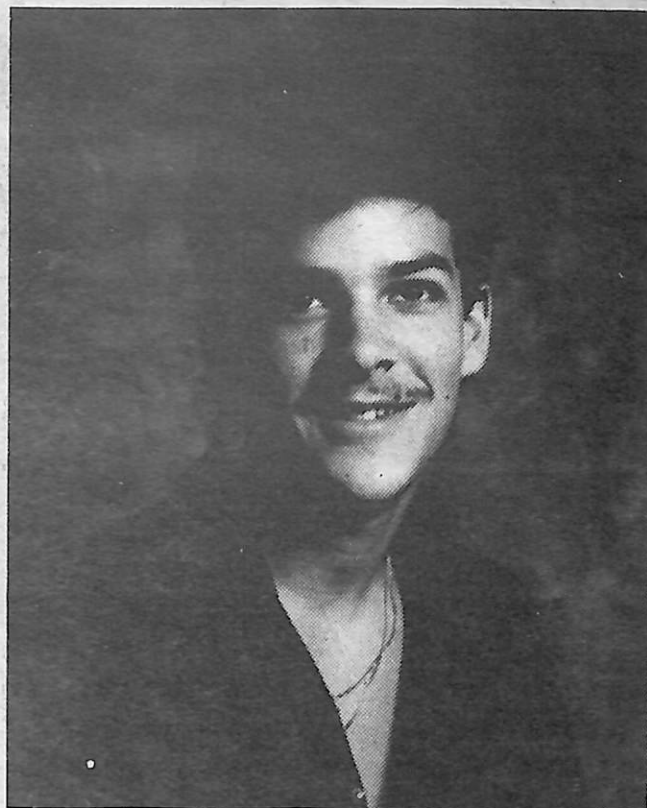
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## Letters To The Editor



LAKI PANANAS

### Family Of Laki Pananas Plans Scholarship Dinner

#### To The Editor:

To all our friends, patrons, neighbors, teachers and schoolmates of our beloved son, Laki, we extend a cordial invitation to visit us on Sunday, February 26th, at Parthenon III Restaurant, 835 Suffield Street, Agawam, as our guests for a dinner of your choice. We will be open all day to host you.

One year ago on this date, our son, Laki, at age 15, left us for his heavenly home, thus creating a void in our family. Yet, he left us a note in which he stated, "I will never forget all the good times I had or any of my friends. Don't let this happen to anyone else. To my family I say, don't grieve for me. It was meant this way. This way it will be. I loved all and everybody. Don't ever forget me, nobody. Remember me always and forever. That's all I ask."

Laki, we will always love and remember you. You are constantly in our thoughts. We have also created a scholarship and will give it annually to a deserving high school graduate in your name.

So, please, all come and enjoy a dinner with us on Sunday, February 26th, in memory of our son, Laki. All money collected will be donated toward an annual scholarship in Laki's name.

Cordially yours,  
Louie & Carol Pananas  
And Our Two Sons,  
Angelo & Vasileos

### Residents Wants To Promote Tree Program

#### To The Editor:

At least some of this new Council knows that I have, for some time, been trying to promote the idea of a tree program in this town as an adjunct of Parks and Recreation.

My idea has always been to try to mitigate air pollution as far as possible. Trees can do this, but not all tree species can cope successfully with the kinds of pollution we now have, and which may become more widespread with population growth.

Use of motor vehicles naturally follows population growth, and the consequent release of tail-pipe gases is what we have to fight.

The best tree I have studied for this purpose is the Thornless Honey Locust. Springfield appears to have great success with this tree, as anyone can observe on Main Street going north from the Bank of Boston and on Harrison Avenue.

This tree is a legume, as are peas, beans and clover. They take their necessary nitrogen from that fixed from the atmosphere by special bacteria, which form nodules on their roots. Non-leguminous trees must rely on other sources—often depending on additional plant food when leaves are removed.

On January 7th, I talked with the Mayor and got his promise of support for a non-profit corporation to take advantage of an offer by the Editor of *The Agawam Advertiser News*. This offer could result in a considerable sum of money becoming available for various purposes, and the one which has my first priority is the one I am discussing tonight.

I understand there is a plan now to plant flowering Cherries along Main Street. This tree would be an excellent choice near utility lines because of its limited height and spread.

I would like to introduce the idea of interplanting Honey Locusts, which can also be kept within bounds, and conceivably might also benefit the Cherries.

They also have nice flowers. I am trying to have research done to find out for certain if the reason for their success in polluted air might be that bacteria at their roots may break down nitrogen oxides in the air.

I must mention, again, my reservations, previously published, against having the head of Public Works in charge of a program like this.

A tree program needs a tree expert, and this town does have tree experts and they have the proper equipment. They have people who know how to prune.

The cambium layer (the inner bark layer of cells, which initiates growth) is only one cell thick. An injury to it can be injurious or eventually fatal to a tree. These people know these things, and are able to handle any problems.

Thank you,  
Walter Harrington

### Faculty Member Wants Bruno To Stay In Post

#### To The Editor:

Having followed the issue of hiring a new superintendent, I think perhaps the best solution at the current time might be to convince the present superintendent to remain.

In my 23 years as a teacher in Agawam, I have taught under the leadership of five superintendents, three of whom were from out of state. Those three stayed a few years and moved on, using Agawam as a stepping stone in their individual careers. The other two, James Clark and James Bruno, both had their roots here in Agawam.

They wanted the best for the students, teachers, administrators, and townspeople and understood what would work and what would not work within the Town of Agawam.

This is a difficult time in education and the next couple of years are crucial. I believe the commitment to the town from a superintendent with local roots would be extremely valuable.

Maybe this is not the time to bring in someone who needs to learn about the town at a time when the entire focus of the superintendent should be and must be directed at addressing the serious issues confronting Agawam education.

Mr. Bruno tended his resignation for an early retirement at a time of great personal stress. Perhaps, if the citizens of Agawam share this belief, Mr. Bruno can be convinced to reconsider his decision to retire and remain to assist the school system through these times.

Peg Hatheway  
Granger School, Feeding Hills

### Attention Jr. Girl Scouts

#### To The Editor:

Attention all Agawam residents of Cadette and Junior Girl Scouts.

Please attend an informational meeting about our Agawam Government Day Badge. The meeting will be held on February 20th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church, Agawam.

We hope to see all leaders and interested parents.

See you there,  
Helen Manning & Doris Donovan

### Ski Team Raffle Winners

#### To The Editor:

Winners of the Agawam Ski Team raffle were: First Prize, Ron Lalancette of Agawam; Second Prize, Bill Fredette of Chicopee; Third Prize, D. Graveline of Feeding Hills.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Agawam Ski Parents

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, February 15th  
Valentine Dance sponsored by Catholic Women's Club of Agawam  
At the American Legion, Springfield St.  
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Tuesday, February 18th  
Agawam Junior Women's Club  
Captain Charles Leonard House  
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Tuesday, February 18th  
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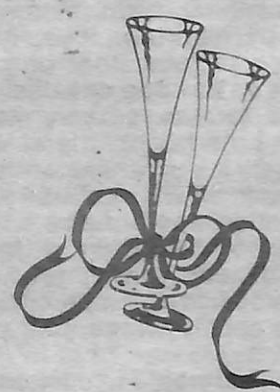
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### Putting Ethics On The Statewide Ballot

#### To The Editor:

This letter is to thank the 235 voters of Agawam who signed initiative petitions for comprehensive ethics and campaign finance reform. The 55,000 certified signatures collected statewide would have been enough to put government ethics on the ballot in any other year. But since the number of signatures required is based on voter turnout in the last gubernatorial election and last year's turnout was a record high, the statewide effort fell short 15,000 signatures.

The local response here in Agawam, however, was impressive. I am grateful to the many local residents who helped with the signature collection effort.

Common Cause/Massachusetts, the petition's determined sponsor, is far from ready to give up the fight. 55,000 signatures is powerful political leverage and will be used to pressure the Legislature when it meets in 1992 to review the petition which has been refiled as a bill (renumbered House 3750). Thanks to the petition drive, the bill has gained additional legislative sponsors and nearly a thousand new citizen advocates ready to lobby fiercely for its passage.

Like the petition, the bill includes features which would place stringent limits on PAC and lobbyist contributions, stop conflicts of interest, weaken the power of well-funded special interests, increase reporting requirements for large contributors (so that hidden patterns of special interest giving can be identified) and put teeth in our ethics laws.

I urge you to write to Representative Walsh and Senator Linda Melconian to let them know how strongly you feel about the need to clean up state government.

If you would like more details about this bill, please call Common Cause/Massachusetts at (617)426-9600.

Cornelius K. Hannigan  
114 Corey Colonial  
Agawam

### Ag. Chamber Has Feb. Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a breakfast meeting on Friday, February 21st at 7:45 a.m. at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The program centers around health care and its cost to the business community.

Panelists include State Representative Michael Knapik; Thomas O'Connell from Pioneer Management Systems; Diane Sutton, from Health New England; Dr. Franklin Carrington and Allan Berger from Belt Technologies.

They represent the state's, the PPO AND HMO's, a physician, and a business owner viewpoint, and prepared questions will be asked of each.

Dave Madsen will moderate the program. For more information, call Jean Falk at 787-1540.

### Council Ennis Has Office Hours

Town Councilor Thomas Ennis today announced that he will hold office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, on Friday, February 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

"I pledged during the recent election to focus more on the needs of the elderly. I intend to hold office hours once a month and I urge any constituents who wish to talk to me about any issue to drop by the Senior Center and say hello," Ennis said.



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### Protecting Your Assets: The Homestead Exemption

Based upon a recent United States Bankruptcy Court of Massachusetts decision in *Re Estelle M. Giarrizzo*, Chapter 13, Case No. 90-41381-JFQ, I highly advise, if you have not already done so, recording, at the applicable Registry of Deeds, a Declaration of Homestead upon your principal residence. There are 2 parts to Massachusetts General Laws c. 188 defining the exemptions available. Massachusetts General Laws c. 188, 1 would allow you to acquire an estate of homestead to the extent of \$100,000 in your principal residence. Massachusetts General Laws c. 188, 1A allows an exemption of the real property or mobile homes of persons 62 years of age or over, regardless of marital status, or of a disabled person as defined in the statute, to be protected to the extent of \$200,000 as long as it is occupied as the principal residence.

For the purposes of this Massachusetts General Laws c. 188, 1, an owner of a home shall include a "sole owner, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety or tenant in common; provided, that only one owner may acquire an estate of homestead in any such home for the benefit of his family; and provided further, that an estate of homestead may be acquired on only one principal residence for the benefit of a family." For the purpose of this chapter, the word "family" shall include either a parent and child or children, a husband and wife and their children, if any, or a sole owner.

In the *Giarrizzo* case as cited above, the Court decided that the homestead exemption applies to one's equity in their home regardless of value and

not the home's total value up to \$100,000 unreduced by debt.

A simple example would be as follows: the value of your home is \$100,000 and you have a mortgage of \$50,000 leaving equity of \$50,000. It is clear that the homestead exemption, even before the *Giarrizzo* case, would protect the \$50,000 in equity still remaining in your home.

On the other hand, what if the value of your house is \$200,000 and you have a first and second mortgage which total \$120,000 leaving you equity of \$80,000 in your home. Prior to the *Giarrizzo* case, the consensus of most legal scholars was that the \$100,000 homestead exemption would not apply because \$100,000 in the total value of the home had been used up. However, using the *Giarrizzo* case as a guide, since there is no prior legislative history or case law in Massachusetts, it is my opinion that if your home is worth \$200,000 and is secured by mortgages of \$120,000 that the homestead exemption will protect the \$80,000 of equity still remaining in your home.

Therefore, it is extremely important, if you have not recorded a Declaration of Homestead on your principal residence, to do so as soon as possible. All that is necessary is for the primary wage earner (the signatures of both husband and wife are not necessary) to sign a document entitled "Declaration of Homestead" which declares your intent under Massachusetts General Laws c. 188 to exempt your residence, including a legal description of your residence, have it properly notarized and duly recorded in the appropriate Registry of Deeds in the county where your property is located.

If you have any questions or would like a free initial consultation, please call STANLEY D. KOMACK, ESQ. any time at (413) 785-1851.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Attorney Stanley D. Komack will be writing a column on matters of interest to our readers on an every other week basis. We welcome Attorney Komack to our regular list of columnists.

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# Being Sensible With Your \$\$\$

by Tim Ayre

Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

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Robert Frost

Managing what you owe is as important as managing what you own. That has never been more true than it is today.

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If you'd like some info regarding the Investor Creditline Service, feel free to give me a call at Merrill Lynch (785-4141).

## Agawam Obituaries

### Dorothea L. Brown

Dorothea L. (Henken) Brown, 84, of 120 Albert Street, a retired employee of the town of West Hartford, died recently in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. She worked in the West Hartford assessors' office for 12 years, and was secretary to the chairman of the Board of Assessors. She retired in 1968.

Born in Hartford, she lived in Salem, and attended a business school in Connecticut. She lived in West Hartford most of her life, and moved to Agawam in 1973.

Her husband, Fred H. Brown, died in 1973.

She leaves a daughter, Carolyn B. Carrier of Agawam; a brother, Richard of Beverly; three sisters, Lucille Childs of Salem, and Priscilla White and Adelaide Cormier of Beverly; two grandchildren, Craig Carrier of Southwick and Catherine Carrier of Agawam; and two great-grandchildren.

There was no funeral, and burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Tewksbury, at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harvard Medical School, 220 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA, 02115, or the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194.

### Elisa DePalo

Elisa (Maddaloni) DePalo, 80, of 15 Meadow Street, a regular volunteer worker at the Lions Den food concession during the annual Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, died recently at Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in the city, she was graduated from the High School of Commerce there, and moved to Agawam in 1951.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, and a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Joseph DePalo; a daughter, Marianne R. Stokowski of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Louis of West Springfield and Joseph of Las Vegas, and two grandchildren.

Her son, Joseph Jr., died in 1985.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Carmel School endowment fund at 123 William St., Springfield, 01105, or the Council on Aging, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, 01001.

### Lawrence O. Bouley

Lawrence O. Bouley, 75, of 12200 Bear Creek Lane, Bayonet Point, Florida, and formerly of Agawam, a retired employee of Hamilton-Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died recently at home.

Born in Agawam, he attended local schools, and moved to Florida six years ago.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and St. Michael's Cathedral in Hudson, Florida. He was a former member of the West Springfield Elks Lodge, and a member of the Elks Lodge in Bayonet.

His first wife, the former Linnie Breen, died in 1975.

He leaves his second wife, the former Rita McMahon; a son, William of Cape Neddick, Maine; a daughter, Marlene Nevers of Agawam; a brother, Francis, and a sister, Louise Rosso, both of Feeding Hills, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA 02194.

### Albina Daffara

Albina (Masero) Daffara, 86, formerly of Plantation Drive, died recently in a Chicopee nursing home.

Born in New York City, she lived in Yonkers, New York most of her life, and moved to Agawam in 1975.

Her husband, John Daffara, died in 1980.

She leaves two daughters, Vivian DeLuca of Agawam and Joanne Rebeiro of West Springfield; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield, and in St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in St. Thomas's Cemetery, West Springfield.

## Councilor Willis Slates Office Hours At Senior Center February 8th

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold office hours on Saturday, February 8th at the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Councilor Willis will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to listen to constituent concerns on various issues facing the town. All residents are invited to attend.

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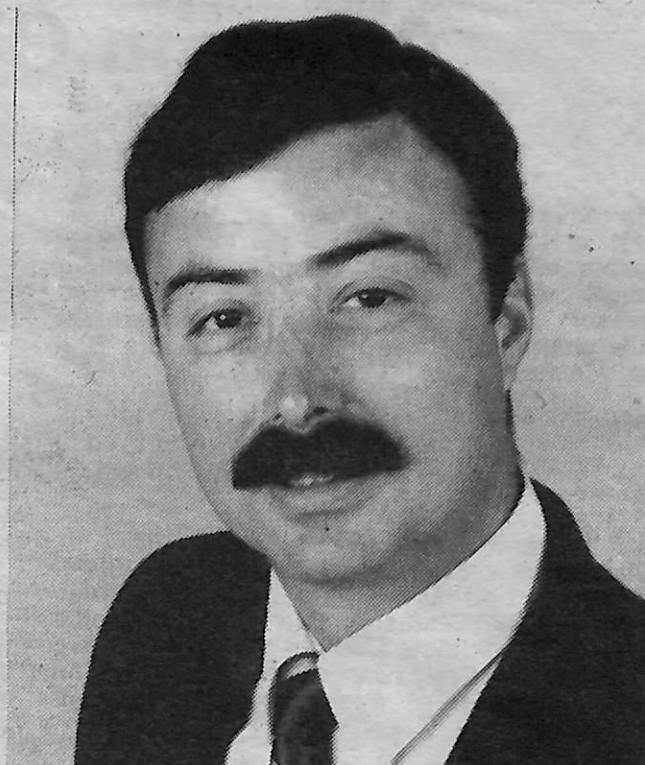
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TOWN COUNCILLOR NANCY GRAVEL



TOWN COUNCILLOR JAMES TAYLOR

## Taylor, Mrs. Gravel Attend Meeting Of Mass. Municipal Association

Agawam City Councillors James D. Taylor and Nancy E. Gravel joined over 500 local officials at this year's Annual Meeting and Trade Show of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) held in Boston January 31st to February 1st.

At the conference, Taylor and Gravel, along with scores of selectmen, councillors, mayors and managers, had an opportunity to participate in over 30 informative workshops. The workshops were designed to provide the latest in information for local officials in such areas as budget cost cutting strategies, local economic development, and privatization.

Other features of the MMA program included speeches by Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci and news correspondent Bettina Gregory, and the annual trade show with over 95 exhibitors. The

meeting also provided an opportunity for local officials from different areas of the Commonwealth to share innovations and insights in managing municipalities under severe constraints.

MMA is an association of cities and towns which provides its member communities with training, information, publications and the opportunity to purchase low cost insurance.

While at the conference, Gravel attended workshops on youth services, budget, procedures for appeals and municipal bond issues.

Taylor attended the workshops on highway funds, budgeting, Enhanced-911 and municipal law.

Both Taylor and Gravel attended the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors Meeting on Saturday morning.

## Fire-Wise

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

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- Gasoline is used to clean something.
- During the refueling of small engines/motors while they are still hot, or while smoking.
- Applying lighter fluid on a charcoal fire that has already started to burn.

The following guidelines should be used when handling or storing flammable liquids:

- Store in "safety cans" or containers that have been approved for the storage of flammables by Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- Store outside the home, away from areas where there are pilot lights or other sources of ignition.

- Use solvents designed for cleaning, always following the manufacturer's recommendations for proper use.

- When refueling any engine, turn it off, allow to cool and extinguish all smoking materials.

Any flammable liquid should be treated with respect in order to prevent accidents. If have them stored in your home, move your can, for the safety of your family.

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## Families

### Rosary Altar Soc. To Hear Balboni

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will host world traveler Walter Balboni, on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7:45 p.m.

Balboni, a former longtime member of the Agawam School Committee who was elected to, Town Council this past November, will show his extensive slide show on Alaska.

#### Card Party Slated

The Annual Rose Mercadante Scholarship Fund Card Party will be held in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, Thursday, February 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Rose Mercadante, who, over the years, was a tireless worker for many church activities, including dedicated service to the Rosary Altar Society.

Prizes and refreshments will also be part of this fun night. The public is invited to attend.

### AHS Band-A-Thon Coming Feb. 7 & 8

The Agawam High School Bands and Bandparents Association will be running a Band-a-thon to help raise money for the purchase of new uniforms, on Friday, February 7th, through Saturday, February 8th. Several performance events are scheduled for this 15-hour event, including a Band Alumni concert.

The Alumni portion of this event will be in two parts, including an alumni Jazz Band, and a larger alumni Concert/Marching Band. The Jazz Band will play at about 9:00 p.m. on Friday, and the Concert/Marching Band will play at about 10:00 p.m. under the direction of guest conductor Darcy Davis.

If there is enough interest, there will even be an Alumni Colorguard at 8:00 p.m.

Any former band members who are interested in being a part of this event should contact Band Director Scott Thomson at Agawam High School, at 789-1400, ext. 410.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM

#### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, February 13th, 1992, at 7:10 p.m., in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purposes of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Farquhar for property located at 36 Losito Lane.

Henry A. Kozloski, chairman

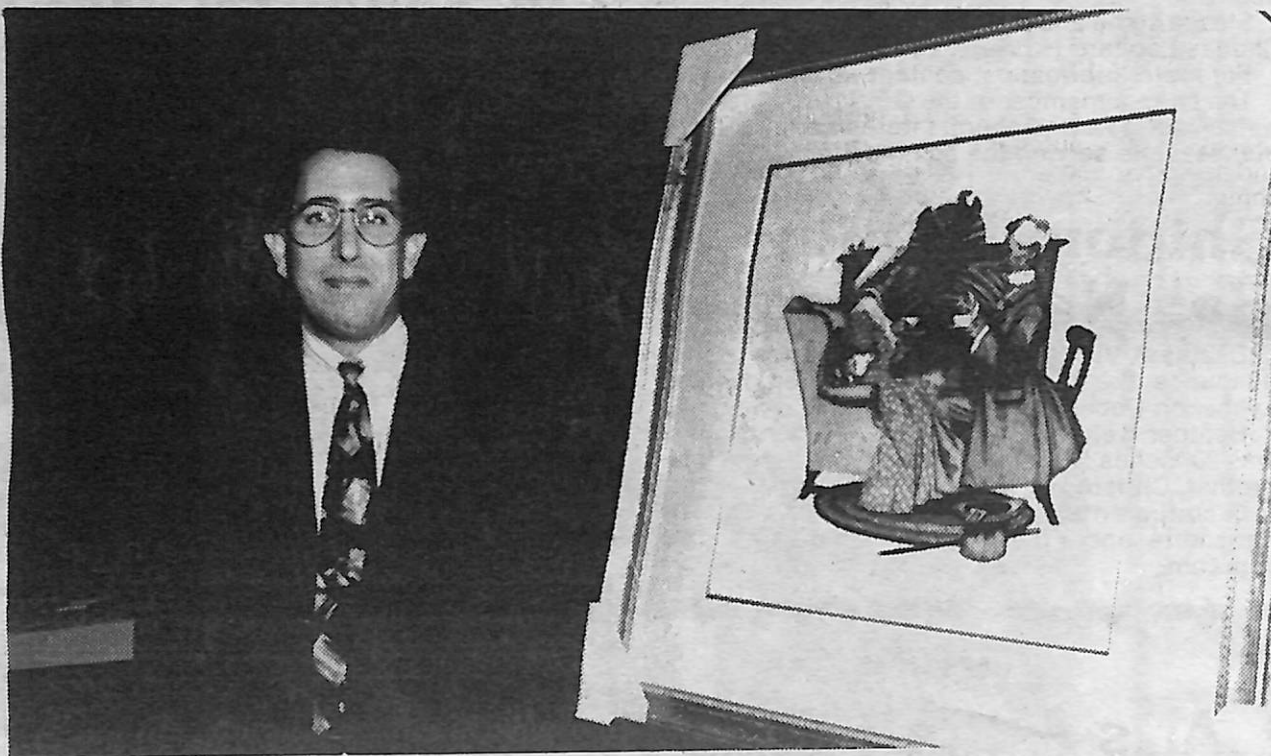
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### Art Auction Held At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held an Art Auction on January 18th. In top photo, responsible for the organization of the event were, from left - Jackie Morgan (refreshments), and Mary Lou Vigue and Linda Bryskiewicz, co-chairwomen. IN PHOTO BELOW, Richard Brandwein of Holbrook, New York was the featured exhibitor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Eileen Hamre Now District Rep.

Eileen Hamre, Presidential Advisor of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, was elected District Representative to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs (MSFWC).

She will represent District 14, which includes the Agawam club, for the 1992-1994 administration.

Eileen was installed at the Winter Conference of the MSFWC Junior Division, held February 1st in Woburn. Nine Juniors attended the conference at which the keynote speaker was Ann Holland, president-elect of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

Ms. Holland spoke about her theme of conservation for her 1992-1994 term as president. She also spoke about the issues of literacy and clean water, which the GFWC will concentrate on during her administration.

At the conference, it was also voted that Pediatric AIDS will be the State Junior Project for 1992-1994. These are issues which will be supported by local clubs, such as the Agawam Juniors, within their own communities.

The conference also included a competition in the Arts for several different categories. Eileen Hamre again represented the Juniors well and received the award for Best Color Photograph.

## Junior Women's Club To Gather Feb. 18th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will be a craft workshop for members to learn how to make beautiful necklaces and bracelets from ribbons and beads.

Please come and join the Juniors at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

For more information, contact Liz at 789-1320.

The club, a member of the GFWC and MSFWC, welcomes new members interested in making friends while serving the community.

## Ghidoni Family Has New Daughter

Debbie & Vic Ghidoni of Feeding Hills proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Heather Lynne, on December 28th.

Heather weighed five pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She arrived home to meet her brother, Christopher.

Grandparents are Robert W. & Dorothy Terichette and Ernest & Ann Ghidoni, both of Agawam.

## Jr. Women's Club Donates To Blind



AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT Rosalie Dialessi (center) and member Donna Shibley (right) present a check to Susan Meyers of the Association for the Blind at the club's January 21st meeting. The \$700 donation will be used to purchase a powerful ocutech telescopic lens with a range from 17 inches to infinity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Laughing Brook Slates Special Programs For Children To Enjoy During Winter

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden has openings in its line-up of winter children's programs.

Pre-registration is required at least three days in advance of each program. For further info, or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 566-8034.

**THE BIRDS OF WINTER (GRADES K - 2), Saturday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.** Learn about the birds hardy enough to endure New England winters. After observing birds at our feeding station, make your own field guide for identifying feathered winter residents. Fees are \$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6 for non-members.

**WHO GOES THERE? (GRADES 3 - 6), Saturday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.** Solve the mysteries of the forest as you discover the clues left behind by wild residents of Laughing Brook. Piece together a part of their lives by observing

tracks and traces. Fees are \$5 for Massachusetts members and \$6 for non-members.

**KID'S AND PARENTS (AGES 3½ - 5 & ADULT).** Explore winter or welcome spring with your favorite preschooler—two opportunities are available to enjoy the out-of-doors are offered for child and adult pairs. Fees for each session are \$10 per child/adult pair for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$12 for non-members. Sign up for one or both.

**The Secret World of Winter; Saturday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** From examining snowflakes to searching for animal hiding places, you'll find out the secrets of winter. There's more to winter than you might think!

**In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb; Saturday, March 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** Spring is just around the corner. Prepare to welcome the season by taking part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

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## Dinosaur Days Coming Soon At Science Museum

Tickets are now on sale for Dinosaur Days at the Springfield Science Museum, February 18th to 23rd. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and regular hours, noon-4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Dinosaur ticket, an additional \$1 with general admission to the museum, includes the "Planet of the Dinosaurs" planetarium program at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.; a talk called "Dinosaur Dig" at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.; a comical skit titled "The Extinct Dinosaur" shown at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., and the children's craft room which will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The video "The Land Before Time" will be shown at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. Other dinosaur videos will be shown and dinosaur stories will be told from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. on an ongoing basis.

Children are also invited to enter a build-your-own dinosaur contest. Make your dinosaur at home using any materials except food and bring it to the museum during Dinosaur Days. All entries must be received by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23rd. Judging will take place that afternoon and prizes will be awarded.

There will also be a silk-screening workshop, and visitors should bring their own 50% cotton, white T-shirt or pillowcase. The museum will have a limited supply of T-shirts for sale. Dinosaur lovers can also make a fossil at the fossil-making workshop and have their picture taken with a dinosaur. Each of these activities costs an additional \$1 for materials.

General admission to the museum is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-18, and free for children under 6 and members of the Springfield Library and Museums. The single admission fee includes entry to all 4 museums at the Quadrangle. General admission is free on Fridays.

The museum is located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets. Free parking for this and all programs of the Springfield Library and Museums is available in the lots on State Street, directly across from the Central Library, and on Edwards Street.

For additional information, please call (413)733-1194.

## Lowells Announce Birth Of Daughter

William & Ellen Lowell of West Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jesslyn Elizabeth Lowell.

She was born December 11th at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield, weighing six pounds, nine ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert & Kathleen Baker of West Springfield. Her paternal grandparents are John & Sally Lowell, Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam.

## Red Cross Seeking Food For Open Pantry

In its continuing effort to help those in need, the American Red Cross would like to remind the community that non-perishable food items, for the Open Pantry, can be dropped off at the Red Cross Building, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield.

The Pioneer Valley Chapter, and Northeast Regional Blood Services, are urging all those in Health Service courses, volunteers and blood donors to bring in a donation.

## Agawam Lions Receive Highest Honors



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT JOHN NEGRUCCI (right in both photos) presents Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to club members Thomas Vella (top photo) and Vincent Gallerani (bottom photo). This award is the highest presented by Lions Club International, and is given for outstanding and dedicated service. The awards were presented Vella and Gallerani at Old Storowton Tavern January 22nd. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Better Night's Sleep For A Tax Cheater

by Roger Martin  
Pastor, Agawam Church of the Bible

The following letter was actually received by the Internal Revenue Service a few years ago:

Gentlemen,  
Enclosed you will find a check for \$150. I cheated on my income tax return last year and have not been able to sleep ever since. If I still have trouble sleeping, I will send you the rest.

Hard to hold back a laugh on that one! And while you have to admire the guy's "honesty," he still didn't pay all the taxes that he owed. He paid only enough to ease his conscience and improve his sleep.

Far more important than our tax burden (though it is that time of year) is the burden of our sin. All of us know that we've done our share of wrong things and we feel some responsibility to God.

But rather than sit down and really do business with God, we tend to handle it like our friend above. We'll do something that makes us feel a little better like going to a church mass/service or giving to the needy or a church. Oh, we may feel better temporarily, but we haven't really solved our sin problem.

The Bible says that "the wages (or payment) of sin is death (eternal separation from God), but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus Christ took the "payment" of your sin and mine when he died on the cross, so He is in the position to offer us the "gift" of complete forgiveness.

"Doing business with God" is as simple as admitting our sin and asking God to forgive us on the basis of what Christ has already done. So, instead of making small efforts that temporarily ease our conscience, we can get the permanent solution for our sin by personally trusting in Jesus Christ. And by the way, it won't hurt your sleep either.

If you have trusted Christ or have a question/comment, I'd love to hear from you. Please send any correspondence to P.O. Box 130, Agawam.

## Kimberly Jean Spring Engaged To Wed

William & Betty Spring of 72 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Jean, to James Stuart Dotiwalla or 44 Craig Drive, West Springfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and Computer Processing Institute, East Hartford. She is currently employed as Assistant Manager at MVA Center for Rehabilitation in Springfield.

The groom-to-be is the son of Hoshang Dotiwalla of East Hampton, Connecticut and Sharyn Santolin of Stuart, Florida.

He is a graduate of Roger Putnam Vocational Technical High School, Springfield, and is currently employed as an autobody mechanic for Superior Auto Sales, West Springfield.

A May 23rd wedding is planned.

## Bitzas Speaks At Women's Club



AT THE JANUARY 27TH meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club, Town Councilor George Bitzas was the guest speaker. Here, Councilor Bitzas is welcomed by Jessie D. Fuller, women's club president (and also Town Council president). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Library Presents Program For Kids "When The TV Breaks"

Come to the Agawam Public Library for a school vacation week special, **What to do when the t.v. breaks**, on Wednesday, February 19th from 11:00 a.m. to noon. (Snow date: Thursday, February 20th, same time.)

We'll offer you some games, craft activities, and snacks that are so much fun, you might just want to turn OFF the t.v. even before it breaks.

This program is designed for ages five and up. Please call the library at 789-1550 or stop in at 750 Cooper Street to register for this program.

### Puppet Show: Midwinter Magic

The Agawam Public Library will be visited by the sensational Gerwick Puppets once again on

Saturday, February 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

"Midwinter Magic" is an original story by this New England touring company. The story combines the reality of children's excitement with the fantasy of their dreams as a boy and girl decide to remain awake all night on the longest night of the year, the Winter solstice. They are sure that on such a special night, there are bound to be many magical things happening.

The presentation is intended for ages three and up. Please call the library to register at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street.

This program is being offered by the Agawam Public Library in conjunction with the Early Childhood Services Expansion Project.

## Program On Childhood Abuse Being Sponsored By Ag. Counseling Center

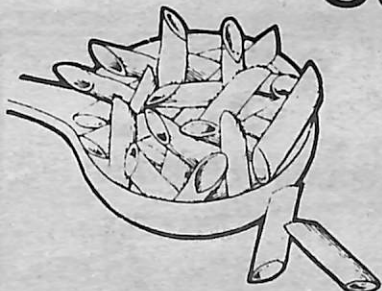
The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a therapy group for women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The group will provide a safe, supportive environment for exploring and mastering past trauma, and will be led by two clinical social workers who are experienced working with this population.

The group will meet Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., starting around mid to late March, and will run for 16 weeks. If interested, please contact Nancy Jessup, LCSW, or Constance Leslie, LICSW, at 786-6410 to set up a screening interview.

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MR. &amp; MRS. ANTHONY J. SMIGELSKI

## Smigelskis Feted For 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Smigelski, Sr. of 1001 Suffield Street, were recently honored by family and friends with a celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The couple were married on January 3, 1942 at the Immaculate Conception Church, Indian Orchard.

Their special day commenced with a limousine providing transportation from Agawam to Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield, where Father John Skowronski officiated at the renewal of their vows.

Chez Josef provided the reception setting, which was hosted by their three children; Lt. Anthony J. Smigelski, Jr., assigned to U.S.C.G. Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Patricia Sniegowski of Chicopee and Barbara Savard of Feeding Hills. Their six grandchildren joined in the celebration. Also in attendance was their Best Man, Felix Smigelski, brother of the groom.

Smigelski has been retired from New England Telephone Company for 12 years, but remains active as president of the Jan Sobieski Brotherly Aid Society, the Telephone Pioneers, and enjoys various hobbies including gardening, wine making, and reading.

His wife is the former Stefania Kurzawa of Indian Orchard. Her interests include bingo, sports, gardening, and travelling with her husband of 50 years.

## Ag. Congo Feb. Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces its upcoming calendar of events:

On Sunday, February 9th, a Friendship Supper will be held, starting at 5:00 p.m. Parishioners A-K are asked to bring casseroles, and L-Z are asked to bring salads. Dessert is make your own sundaes. Entertainment will be provided by the Valley Strummers. Our 30-year and over members will receive their gold name badges. All are welcome!

On Sunday, February 16th, the Junior High youth of the church will hold a Homecoming Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Adults are \$3.50, children under 12 are \$2, and children under five are free. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee, and tea (butter and syrup included, as well as tablecloths and napkins). Tickets are being sold at coffee hour, or just walk in and eat.

The youth of Agawam Congregational Church will be attending *My Children! My Africa!* at StageWest on Saturday, February 8th. They will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. and return after dinner.

The 456 Club is planning a Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 15th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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A New Member Class will begin Thursday, February 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church is welcome to attend.

A potluck supper and leap year dance will be held by the Saturday Night Live group (adults 18 to 105 years young) on Saturday, February 29th. Everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship and dancing. There is a \$2.90 donation per person. Bring your favorite record and our

## Famous Supper At F.H. Congo Feb. 15

Operation Friendship of America is holding one of its famous roast beef suppers on Saturday, February 15th, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Servings will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of juice, salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, beverage, and dessert.

Please come and help support a non-profit organization raise money to send local students to Europe this summer. It's a great learning experience.

For reservations, call Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; Kathy Rose, 786-0195; or Wess Mueller, 789-1757.

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The Wednesday night worship service at 7:00 p.m. will continue throughout the year. This half-hour informal service with communion precedes the RELATE Bible Study.

The RELATE Bible Study series continues every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Together we will R.E.L.A.T.E.—Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God.

An acolyte training session will be held on Sunday, February 9th, at 3:00 p.m. All boys and girls, second through eighth grade, are invited to become acolytes.

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On Friday, February 21st, during the February school vacation, the Agawam Congregational Church will be sponsoring a one-day Vacation Bible Camp.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. for ages three, four, and kindergarten, and will end at 3:00 p.m. for those in grades one through six. The theme will be "Rise and Shine... and give God your glory, glory!"

All children from three years-old to sixth grade are invited to come and enjoy themselves. The day will be filled with games, song, crafts, and scripture! The cost is \$4 for ages three, four, and kindergarten; \$5 for grades one through six; and a maximum of \$12 for a family with three or more children attending.

Volunteers are needed and childcare will be provided for teachers/helpers/aides. For further information or to volunteer to help with this project, please call the church office at 786-7111, or to register call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, or Patrick Decoteau, 789-1155.

## Ag. Tour Planners Head For Delaney

The Agawam Tour Planners will offer the following trip to the general public—a perfect short day trip to the Delaney House to see the show "Sweetheart's Revue," on Tuesday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

You will enjoy an "all you can eat" family style luncheon. There will be beef, poultry, and fish. The cost is \$34 inclusive (bus, meal, show, taxes and gratuity).

For more information or reservations, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or Helen Blanchard, 786-9859. Reservations can also be made at the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.

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DORIS A. CAROLEO

## Doris A. Caroleo To Wed Mr. Gorgan

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Caroleo of 1214 Suffield Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Ann, to John Michael Gorgan III, son of Mr. & Mrs. John M. Gorgan, Jr., of 75 Pleasant Street, East Longmeadow.

The bride to be is a graduate of Agawam High School and Manchester Community College, where she earned an associate's of science degree in Occupational Therapy. She is employed as a therapist at the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, Mercy Hospital.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. He received a bachelor of arts in economics and business. Mr. Gorgan is currently employed as senior accountant manager for the A.M.I. Leasing Group.

A June wedding is planned.

## Star Gazing At Science Museum

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will be open for public sky-gazing on Friday, February 14th, at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Springfield Stars Club will operate the museum's 20-inch rooftop telescope and help visitors spot the night's most interesting celestial sights.

Objects to be viewed include Jupiter with its cloud bands and four largest moons, the Orion Nebula, and the gibbous Moon.

There is a fee of \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children. The program will be cancelled if the sky is overcast.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield.

For information, please call the museum at (413)733-1194.

## Catholic Women's Club Slates Valentine's Dance

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 15th at 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion on Springfield Street.

Enjoy the variety of music from D.J. RayLar. Tickets may be purchased at St. John's Rectory, 833 Main Street, or by calling 786-1959 or 789-0705.

Tickets are \$7 each and will be available at the door. Come join us and treat your special Valentine to a special night out.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Silech Auto Sales, 700 A Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

Published: February 6, 1992

## Ag. Sen. Center Lunch Menu

**Monday, February 10th:** BBQ ribs, homemade Creole sauce, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, February 11th:** Broccoli, cauliflower, cheddar soup, turkey sandwich, oatmeal bread, mixed fruit.

**Wednesday, February 12th:** Baked chicken leg, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

**Thursday, February 13th:** Strip steak, potatoes au-gratin, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, pineapple tidbits.

**Friday, February 14th:** Valentine Dance—Roast pork, pan roasted potatoes, peas, roll, sweetheart cake.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Thursday, February 20, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. CHARLES CALABRESE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180, Paragraph 11 of the Zoning Ordinances, to allow for the retention of a structure at the premises identified as 10 WOODSIDE DRIVE.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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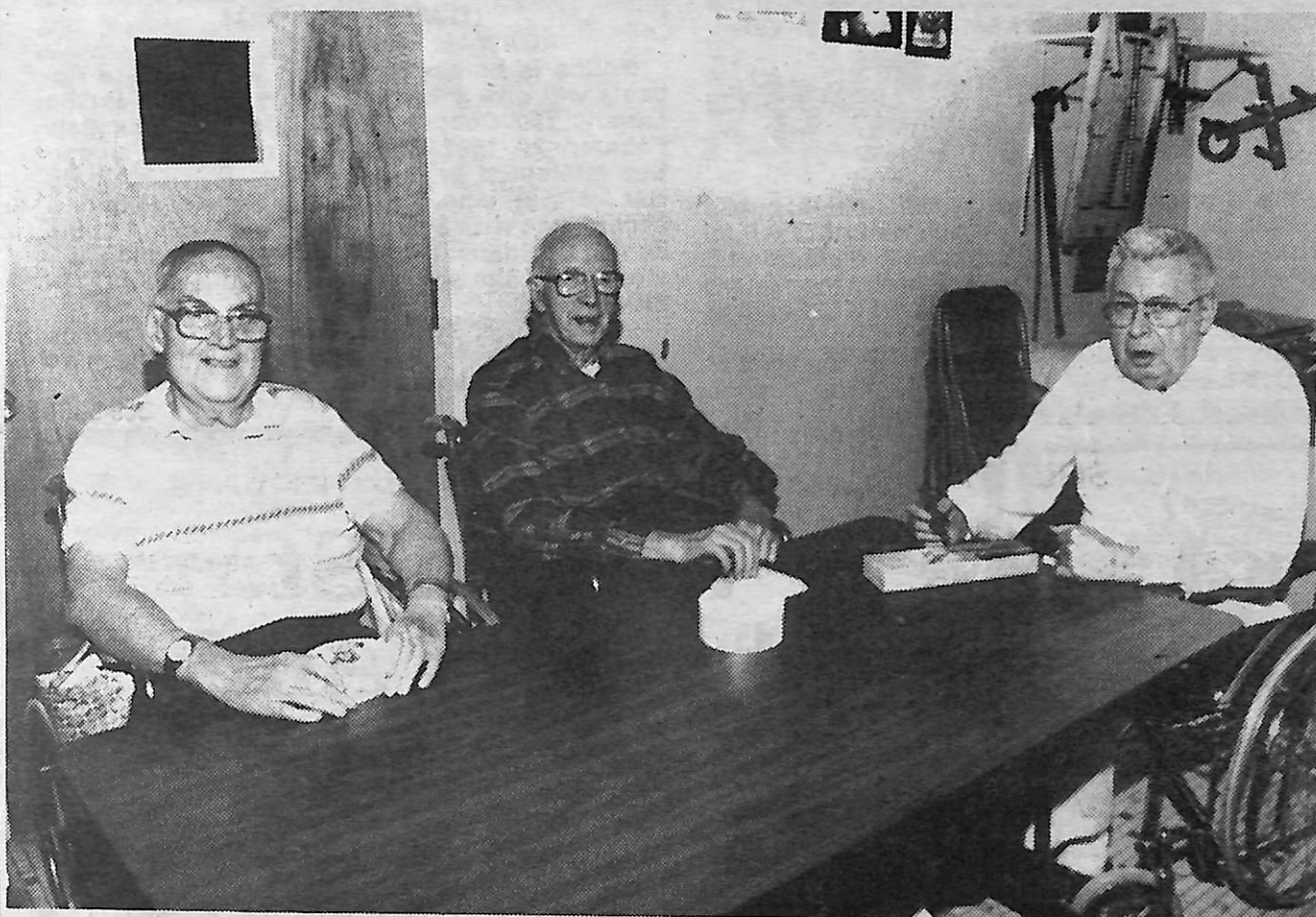
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# Heritage Hall News, Notes, & Quotes



ENJOYING ART CLASSES AT HERITAGE HALL Nursing Home (South Building) are, from left - Gretchen Wunsch (resident) and Rose Zucco (resident). The instructor is Ted Crowley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEARNING ABOUT THE ART OF WOODBURNING at Heritage Hall Nursing Home (West Building) are, from left - Emery LaPerle, Charles Mercer, and Ted DesJardins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Community Grange To Meet Feb. 18th

Community Grange No. 382 will hold an opening meeting on February 18th at the Grange Hall on North West Street at 7:30 p.m.

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## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Janet Huettner

Janet Huettner was born in 1916 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Her home was in the city, but they had a chicken coop and pasture with a stream in the backyard.

As a little girl, she would run around barefoot and play with her two brothers. Her mother died when she was five, so her Dad hired housekeepers to care for her while she was growing up.

She remembers on her seventh birthday going out to the pasture to gather flowers for her party. As she crossed the stream, she slipped on the wet rocks. She grabbed the fence to stop her fall and cut her hand. She still has the scar. But her birthday party turned out nice anyway.

Janet attended Pittsfield High School where she was captain of the girls' swim team. She won numerous trophies and her high school letter. Her dream was to swim in the English Channel.

As a young woman, her family moved to Springfield where she met and married her husband of 46 years. Together they had two children, Henry and Carol. She also has three grandchildren.

When her children were small, she stayed home and cared for them. Later she and her husband bought a variety store on the corner of Pine and Florence Streets in Springfield and called it "Hank's Variety Store."

She remember the girls from McDuffie School would come in and buy candy and "pop" from them. She enjoyed running the store and raising her family. She says life was good for her.

For the past 10 years, she has been a resident here at Heritage Hall South. She is in charge of mail delivery to the residents, a member of the Sunshine Club, and is secretary of the Residents' Council.

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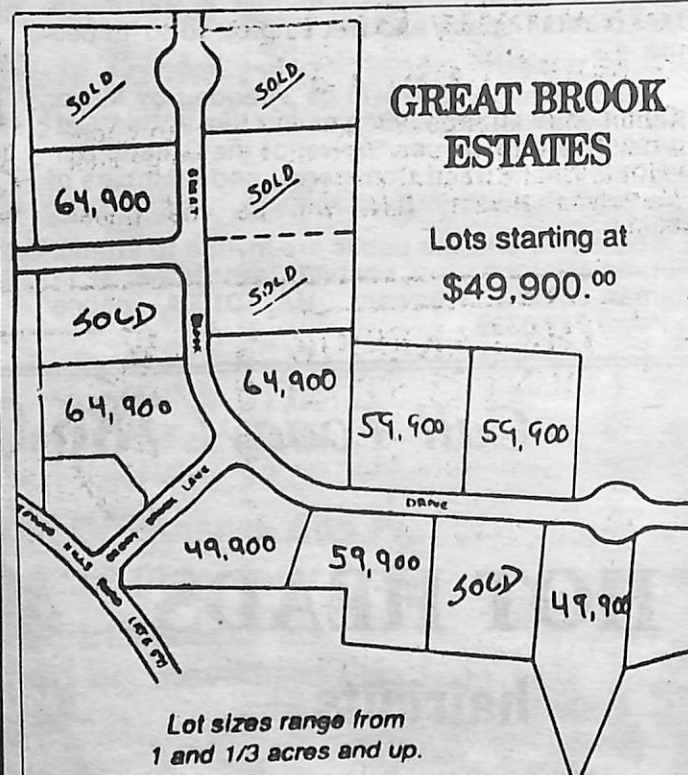
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## Spotlight On Business

### Soda City To Open In Springfield

David Ratner, owner of Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, announced the opening of an additional superstore at 1330 Carew Street, Springfield, in the Big Y Plaza. Two other superstores are at 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam, and Route 9, Hadley, next to the Bread & Circus. A smaller location is in Chicopee at 689 James Street.

Dave's Soda & Pet Food City has been in business for over 16 years. Starting his business as Soda City with soda as its only product line, owner David Ratner added pet food to the name and the store shelves in 1976 when he bought a dog.

The only stores of its kind in the country, growth has been continual since then, and the stores carry an unbelievable selection of pet foods and supplies—everything from pet car seats to three-story cat condos.

All locations are official Massachusetts redemption centers that accept almost all brands of soda and beer containers.

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The new store, which measures approximately 12,500 feet, will employ 10 to 15 people. It features over 140 marine and tropical fish tanks that have state-of-the-art filtering systems that keep the fish in the healthiest environment.

With the largest selection in Western Massachusetts, the bird department (echoing Ratner's philosophy) features only domestic, hand-fed birds along with hamsters, gerbils, and rabbits.

When asked about his success in a slow economy, Ratner stated, "My stores have always been a fun place to shop. In addition, I've always tried to provide the best products, discounted to the lowest price possible."

"We also pride ourselves on service—nobody bends over backwards for customers the way we do," he added. "I train my staff so they can answer customers' questions and advise them on products that will help their pets. And service also includes carrying items out to the car."

The store is opening in the building that served as the former headquarters of the Big Y grocery chain. It has been vacant for at least three years, and has been updated to accommodate the new retail business.

For more information, contact Dave Ratner at 786-3339.

### Ribbon-Cutting At New Soda City

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the new Dave's Soda & Pet Food City in Springfield has been scheduled for 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 15th. The new superstore, located at 1330 Carew Street, has 12,500 square feet of retail space and will employ 10 to 15 people.

The brief ceremony will be attended by Mayor Robert Markel, State Representative Athan Catjakis, President James Shriver of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and members of the Springfield City Council.

The media and the public are invited to attend. For more information, contact Dave Ratner at 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam, MA, 01001, phone number 786-3339.

### 4-Star Rating Given To Credit Union



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## Alliance To Meet On Feb. 10th

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts will hold its next educational meeting on Monday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m., at Mount Marie Conference Center, Holyoke.

The topic, "Families Can Protect And Plan Their Assets," will include Attorney Marilyn J. Schmidt on guardianship and conservatorship, and Attorney Teryl A. Deegan, discussing trust funds and wills.

The program will be moderated by Attorney William Hooben, AMI-Western Mass. board member.

It is important for families to have this information and knowledge. Without proper planning, families can lose their assets.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 786-9139.

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**HOW TO REGISTER:** Since seating is limited, send \$19 per person to the following address as soon as possible:

The New England Institute For Stress Management, 136 Shawmut Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

For every three people that attend, a fourth goes FREE! Checks are payable to Dr. Steve Sobel.

All sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please check the location of the seminar you will be attending and make note of it for yourself. If seminar needs to be cancelled due to weather, we will call you or you can call (413)785-1259 for information from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact hours approved for nurses, as well as approved for CEU's for teachers. This program and additional topics can also be presented to various groups at special conferences/meetings/in-service programs.

Steve's tape programs and book will be available at special prices at each seminar. Charge cards, checks and purchase orders are accepted.

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## Noble Hospital Schedules Program On Free Cosmetic Plastic Surgery

Noble Hospital and Dr. Gary Russolillo will offer two free cosmetic plastic surgery programs in February.

The programs are scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m., and held in the Staff Education Room on the ground floor of the hospital at 115 West Silver Street.

The events begin with a lecture and a slide presentation by Dr. Russolillo, cosmetic and plastic and reconstructive surgeon. Following the

presentation, Dr. Russolillo is available for brief private consultations.

Refreshments will be served.

Surgical procedures to be discussed include face lifts, tummy tucks, liposuction, and others. Non-surgical treatments such as collagen therapy will also be discussed.

The seminars are free and open to the public, however, pre-registration is necessary as space is limited.

To register, call Noble Hospital's HealthBeat, 568-BEAT.

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## CPR Classes At Ag. Police Station

Two classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on February 21st and 24th, and on March 3rd and 6th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department building, 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered during each two night class. Course material is geared for both the semi-professional and general public rescuer.

The AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION certification issued through these courses will meet many job requirements, such as those for day care providers, baby sitters, or life guards. These courses meet O.S.H.A. regulations as well.

The cost of \$32 will cover all course materials, mannaquin use, books, and cards. Call 786-5912 to register, or for further information.

## Dr. Kevin Coughlin Offers Tour Of Springfield Dental Facility To Kids

A local dental practice is celebrating National Dental Month in February by offering tours to area pre-schoolers.

Drs. Kevin Coughlin, a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School, and John Sullivan, whose offices are located at 1795 Main Street, Suite 212, Springfield, believe that exposing youngsters to the goings-on within a modern dental office can help reduce any anxiety about future visits, reinforce proper dental hygiene, and give "hands-on" exposure to new dental technology.

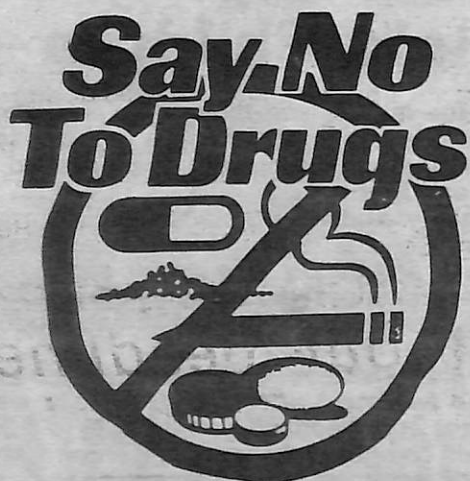
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## Arts

### Great Evening At Springfield Sym.

The Springfield Science Museum, George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, Museum of Fine Arts and Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will open early during February school vacation. All museums will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., February 18th to 21st.

The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum will offer children's activities focused on the special exhibition **Eye Of The Angel: Native American Indian Art from the Derby Collection**. There will be gallery games, videos, guided tours of the exhibition, and workshops where youngsters can make their own shield cover and Indian bag.

There will be an additional \$1 program fee with general admission for these activities.

The Science Museum will hold Dinosaur Days, a series of fun activities all about...dinosaurs! Visitors can make a fossil, silk-screen a T-shirt, have their picture taken with a dinosaur, and see the world of the dinosaurs through videos, stories and a planetarium program.

With a Dinosaur Week ticket, which is an additional \$1 with general admission, visitors can attend the talks, planetarium program, plays and visit the craft room. Fossil making, silk-screening and the photos are \$1 each for materials, plus admission.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will display Springfield resident Rudy Banks' collection of memorabilia in honor of Black History Month at the Blake House, the education center of the museum.

The objects in the collection range from the history of slavery, such as documents that show slavery sales, to items from recent history. The exhibition is free with admission to the museum.

Admission to the museums is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-18, and free for children under six and members of the Springfield Library and Museums. The single admission fee includes entry to all 4 museums at the Quadrangle. Admission is free on Fridays.

The museums are located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets. Free parking for this and all programs of the Springfield Library and Museums is available in the lots on State Street, directly across from the Central Library, and on Edwards Street.

For additional information, please call (413)739-3871.

### Melissa L. Martin To Present Recital

Bassoonist Melissa L. Martin of Agawam, a student at the University of Maine, will present her junior recital on Saturday, February 22nd, at the Orono Campus of the university.

Miss Martin, a graduate of Agawam High School, is the daughter of Philip P. and Janyette B. Martin of Adams Street, Agawam. She is a junior studying for a bachelor of music in performance at UMaine.



**THE MAKEUP CAME OFF** and the curtain closed on STAGE'S winter production of *"Babes In Toyland"* in Southwick. Now the young people's theatre company is registering for its spring show *"Pinocchio"* at the new Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. For more info, call 668-0858 (Suffield) or 569-0318 (Southwick).

### Young People's Theatre Company Accepting Swk. & Suffield Children

Suffield: STAGE Productions, the popular young people's theatre company, has announced that registration is now open for their next two theatre workshops.

Produced by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora of Kit and Kaboodle fame, these workshops will be held at their new home, The Red Door Theatre, located on the campus of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

The first workshop, entitled "Behind The Scenes," will offer hands-on training for young people ages seven to 15 who have an interest in the technical side of theatre, as well as in acting.

The program will run every Saturday morning starting February 8th through March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Each workshop morning will focus on a new aspect of technical production including costumeing, lighting, sound and set construction. Time will also be spent honing acting skills through activities and playwork in mime, speech and movement.

The fee is \$80, and though the workshop will not end in a public performance of a full script, it will culminate in a project to be presented before family and friends.

March 3rd and 4th will start STAGE's spring production, *Pinocchio*, adapted for the new theatre by Pearsons and Secora. The classic story of the little wooden puppet who becomes a real boy marks the 13th production that STAGE has produced in its four year history.

The play will be for young people ages seven to 15, who will meet after school twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Time will be spent rehearsing the show and learning basic acting skills in the process.

The young people are also involved in publicity and set construction for the show, which has four public performances, April 25th and 26th.

Registration for this camp is \$100, and there is limited enrollment.

For further information on these workshops and how to register, call (203)668-0858 or (413)569-0318.

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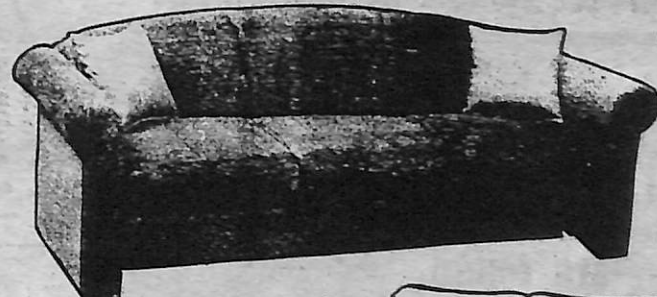
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## This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

### —Fried Green Tomatoes

Every new year begins with a treat, and *Fried Green Tomatoes* (which actually opened in major cities in time for an Oscar nod) is the film industry's winter gift to New England.

Kathy Bates is an overweight, underappreciated housewife whose boorish husband is a couch potato with as much sensitivity as a TV guide.

In pursuit of new bloom for her fading marriage, Bates pursues aerobics, total woman techniques (right down to the saran-wrapped greeting at the door) and "Our Bodies, Ourselves" feminist self-examination. It doesn't work.

Each Sunday this undynamic duo head to the nursing home to visit an aged aunt who loves him, hates her with irrational consistency.

Thus the two key players meet..Bates and her new, aged friend, Jessica Tandy.

As their conversation unfolds, Tandy begins to tell tales of her younger days—of another era, another way of life, living and loving, and the simple day to day events that colored people's lives.

With that introduction, *Fried Green Tomatoes* steps back fifty years to a small town and a railroad stop, and family ties and the bonds of friendship, of love and hate, of courage and constancy, of tragedy and ultimately murder.

It's a vignette, a slice of life that binds two friends with the ties of living.

The images of the present are quick-witted, poking fun at some stereotypes and hinting broadly—too broadly at times—that modern men and women can be too self-absorbed. It takes the likes of Tandy to put it all in perspective.

The footage of past lives is an exquisite blend of beauty, manners, leisure, and a lifestyle that exists only in faded pictures and crumbling buildings...along railroad tracks that lead nowhere anymore.

From the wedding sequence and the childish jealousies, to unexpected tragedy (which occurs offscreen with horrifying effect), from the hidden secrets of brutality in marriage, to the quiet support of friends and the slice of life in a 1930's depot grill...*Fried Green Tomatoes* charms, captivates, and provides viewers with a glimpse of the

past, and a lesson for the present.

In fact, the segments of history a la Tandy are the best of the film, which is not to say the present-day segments are bad. It's just that the "past" could have been a movie of its own.

*Fried Green Tomatoes* is must viewing, fit for the first slot in this, the 1992 top ten (though it's technically a 1991 release.)

Don't miss it.

### —The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

Rebecca DeMornay is the single best reason for seeing *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, the first real thriller of 1992 and one that is guaranteed to keep all audiences thoroughly awake.

DeMornay is a black widow, wife of a gynecologist accused of the improper handling of his pregnant patients, one of whom charges him publicly. In the wake of the trial, he kills himself, and the lovely, expectant DeMornay miscarries their child, loses their home and the lifestyle she was accustomed to.

Released from a hospital following an emotional breakdown, she sets off for revenge, stalking her victims with subtle skill, infiltrating their lives and becoming an integral part of the family by virtue of employment as a nanny.

Never mind that no self-respecting, upwardly mobile young couple would hire a nanny off the street...one that literally walked into their lives unannounced.

Getting past that inconsistency, and the viewer is left with a Hitchcock-type thriller—a slow build-up of suspense as DeMornay erodes the wife's self-esteem, attempts to seduce the husband, and begins to believe her self-created fantasy that this is her family...that the baby is her own lost baby.

Adding style to the story is the relationship established between the family and a older, retarded black handyman, whom DeMornay successfully frames for child molestation.

The performances are precise, tauntly

presented and paced for maximum suspense. "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" also delivers one heck of a punch.

## Program On Alaska To Be Shown At "1st Friday"

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council will have as a guest speaker resident Walter Balboni, a present member of the Agawam Town Council and former longtime School Committee member, for the February "First Friday Series."

Balboni will present his slide show, "Alaska," at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam. Also on the program will be Sara O'Connor with a cello performance.

Balboni has traveled extensively for many years. He has for the past two years been presenting slide shows of his travels to schools, both elementary and high school level, church groups, senior centers, women's clubs, and community service organizations.

His slide library includes photographs of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, the National Parks, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Barbados.

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Sara O'Connor, a Junior at the Agawam High School, is an Agawam Arts and Humanities grant recipient. Because of her serious studies as a musician, she was given a grant for a cello.

Gideon Freudmann of Hadley has been Sara's instructor in classical music for the past two years.

Sara will be presented first on the program with a brief performance on the cello. Eve Descant, violinist, will be Sara's accompanist for one of her pieces.

This February "First Friday" is free to the public.

Funding for this program is provided by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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## Bob Sands Of Feeding Hills Directing Play By Chicopee Community Theatre

Bob Sands of the Feeding Hills section of Agawam will direct the spring production to be staged by the Centennial Community Theatre of Chicopee.

Sands directed the theatre group's first play, "The Butler Did It" when the group was formed in the spring of 1990. The thespians are looking forward to having Sands as director once again. Sands is well-known in this area for his involvement with The Westfield Theatre Group.

The play to be directed by Sands is "Sabrina Fair" by Samuel Taylor. Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 10th and 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at Chicopee City Hall Auditorium.

"Sabrina Fair" tells the story of a chauffeur's daughter whose return from schooling in Europe

sets in motion a series of societal and romantic complications. The play was made into a well-known film starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.

There are major roles available for five men, ages 26-65; five women, ages 25-60; and four small, limited-speaking roles - two for men and two for women, ages 18 and up. Scripts are available for reading only at all Chicopee Public Libraries.

A meeting for all persons working behind the scenes will be held on February 11th, at 8:00 p.m., also at the City Hall Auditorium.

Production dates for the show will be May 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th. For more information, call 594-9529.

## Peter Pan To Shine On Civic Center Ice Feb. 19th thru 23rd

"Second star to the right and straight on 'til morning" is the traditional route to Never Land. But now, with a sprinkle of Pixie Dust, families in the Springfield area can make their own magical journey to Never Land when Walt Disney's World On Ice starring Peter Pan skates into the area at the Springfield Civic Center for 10 sparkling performances, February 19th through 23rd.

With a clap of his hands, Producer Kenneth Feld proudly brings to life the Disney version of James Barrie's tale of the boy who never grew up. Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, the adorable Darling children, and the evil Captain Hook perform their classic adventure, along with beloved Disney stars Mickey Mouse, Minnie, Donald Duck, Daisy and those Rescue Rangers, Chip 'N Dale—live and in person!

Talented skaters, lavish costumes, and ingenious special effects make this exciting spectacular a real delight for young and old. Whimsical props and wonderfully inventive backdrops add charm to the magic. Audiences will no doubt love to hate the fiendish Captain Hook and laugh with his bumbling partner, Sneezy. And what would Peter Pan's action-packed story be without wild Indians on the war path, plotting pirates, and a hungry crocodile whose "tic-tocking" stomach signals his untimely approach. You'll find them all here.

Those who look forward to Producer Kenneth Feld's magical touches and masterful use of never-ending surprises will not be disappointed. Tinker Bell creates mayhem in the nursery as she magically causes rocking horses to rock and lights to flicker. Peter Pan and the Darling children do, indeed, soar above the audience as wispy clouds form below them.

Completely enchanting, Walt Disney's World On Ice starring Peter Pan is not to be missed. For further information, call Mark Thompson (703) 448-4000, ext. 7024.

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They all find their places upon the frigid Earth,  
Chiseled with its own magical, artistic worth;

They covered the shed, in the glittering yard,  
Much like the scene on an old Christmas card;  
Sometimes they're visions of old ancient castles,  
Sometimes they drape from branches, like tassles;

They piled so high on my window sill,  
It looked like a majestic glistening hill;  
Hanging from the porch screen is a web of gold,  
With the sun shining through, it is beauty untold;

The post lamp is no longer burning so bright,  
For it's been snowing all day, and all through the night;  
An alien world, glistening with diamond dew,  
Reflects back upon a world, born anew;

The eyes behold a magnificent sight,  
When they awaken from the long snowy night;  
The flakes are the gift of the Artist above,  
Covering the Earth with his infinite love.

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

## The Golden Days

Every Sunday morn, the chapel in the dell,  
Is fervently pealing its welcoming bell;  
Calling the faithful to worship this day  
Inviting the congregation to join them and pray;

It's good to look back on those old golden days,  
When over hill and dale, people gathered to give praise;  
To their Maker for all the blessings He bestowed,  
They trod over hills, for there wasn't a road;

They were thankful for the little things like their "daily bread,"  
And a strong simple house, and a hand-crafted bed;  
And a fruitful crop, with bounteous reap,  
And the Commandments God gave them to faithfully keep;

They helped one another at all times and needs,  
And the blossom of love grew out of these deeds;  
The old covered bridge, sometimes Old Dobbin shied,  
But the squirrels and the pigeons, found refuge inside;

Those days long ago seemed so peaceful and sound,  
And helping and caring always seemed to abound;  
The tavern in the town, the ladies wish would be gone,  
But it was the place some men gathered in drink and in song;

Such a contrasting subject than the one at the start,  
But everyone has some secret joy in his heart;  
Those days always held such a very special charm,  
And a songfest in a tavern, really didn't cause any harm.

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

## Legends Bowl Was A Pure Dud

by Robert D. Chadbourne  
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

During the recent Super Bowl media blitz, very few football-related items escaped scrutiny, but one that mercifully passed largely unnoticed was something called the third annual **Pro Football Legends Bowl**, played January 18th.

For those of you who missed it, this is a game played by former Super Bowl or Pro-Bowl players. With a nod to their age and their bodies broken by earlier wars, this little get-together is a "flag-football" contest. The big guys are heard to mumble that it ought to be tackle, but they are living in another world.

I personally don't enjoy watching a 50-year old athlete coming back to try to perform as he did 30 years ago. I suppose it's harmless enough, but certain things are best left remembered. A Ted Williams swing is one. Arnold Palmer lining up a putt 25 years ago is another.

The Legends Bowl makes another mistake in its \$250,000 production planning. They hire a stadium. This year a domed stadium no less. They actually leased the Florida Suncoast Dome in Tampa, the spot where the Seattle Mariners would

play if Florida can woo them away.

When a stadium holds 45,000-plus, and a hand-ful show up, it gets downright embarrassing. The Florida papers estimated 5,000 watched. More objective heads called it 2,000. Either way, a high school field could have cut costs.

There's more. Since the Florida Suncoast Dome was built on speculation, the plans called for a cement floor until a prime tenant required otherwise. Since Roger Staubach is now 50, few wanted to see him caved in on concrete. So they hired Pursley Turf Company to actually lay out squares of turf, creating a 160' x 120' grass football field for 24 hours. After the game, Pursley people were to return, pick up their sod, and truck it away.

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#### Crust

2 c. all-purpose flour  
¾ tsp. salt  
¾ c. Crisco Shortening, chilled  
¼ c. ice water  
1 tsp. vinegar

#### Topping

#### Sugar

For filling, thaw and thoroughly drain cherries, reserving ½ c. juice. Heat oven to 375° F. Combine ¾ c. sugar, cornstarch and salt in medium saucepan. Add ½ cup reserved cherry juice and raspberry juice. Cook and stir on medium heat until mixture is thickened and smooth. Remove from heat. Add remaining ¾ c. sugar, butter, food color, almond extract and cherries. Stir until sugar is dissolved.

For crust, combine flour and salt in medium bowl. Cut in Crisco using pastry blender (or 2 knives) until all flour is blended in to form pea-size chunks. Combine water and vinegar. Sprinkle over flour mixture, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough will form a ball. Press

between hands to form two 5 to 6-inch "pancakes." Flour rolling surface and rolling pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9-inch pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold and press into pie shell. Moisten pastry edge with water. Roll top crust same as bottom. Lift onto filled pie. Trim ½ inch beyond edge of pie plate. Fold top edge under bottom crust. Flute. Cut slits in top crust for escape of steam. Cover edge with foil to prevent overbrowning.

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½ cup chopped dried apricots

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Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray the bottoms only of 12 medium muffin pan cups with PAM Cooking Spray. Stir eggs and oil into Wheatena mixture. Sift flour, baking powder and cinnamon; stir in brown sugar. Add apricots. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Remove from pan and allow to cool on wire rack. Makes 1 dozen.

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### CHADBOURNE - from Page 25...

It's hard to be serious about this ridiculous game, but it needs to be said the two teams were coached by Tom Landry and Hank Stram. The game was televised for future showing. The players were paid. A concert followed the game, and proceeds benefited the National Music Foundation.

If you really want to know, the NFC players beat the AFC guys 30-6. Afterwards, Roger Staubach hung around for a half-hour until everyone wanting an autograph got one.

Instant replay indeed! Even the grass was on loan.

## Springfield Symp. Performing Feb. 8

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will offer an evening of great music full of vivid imagery on Saturday, February 8th at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

The program will feature Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 *Jeunehomme* played by guest artist Stephen Hough, as well as colorful works by Haydn, Cimarosa and New England composer David Leisner.

A free Words on Music talk will be held that evening starting at 7:00 p.m. in Old First Church in Court Square. This concert is sponsored in part by Monsanto Fund.

International pianist Stephen Hough will join the Springfield Symphony to perform Mozart's 9th Piano Concerto, written for a French pianist named Mlle. Jeunehomme. Innovative in its breadth of style and emotional expression, this was one of Mozart's first concertos, composed when he was only 21 years old. The Orchestra will perform Haydn's last symphony, No. 104 *London*. Although this piece is one of 12 symphonies Haydn wrote for English audiences, it has come to be called "the" *London*, and is considered a crowning achievement of one of the most influential composers in symphonic history.

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by Edith LaFrancis  
Town Historian

## "The Society"

(Mrs. Alice Granger gave permission for use of material from history of libraries which she compiled in 1955).

The first libraries in town were those owned and kept by the District Schools, the earliest positive record dating back to 1822. After the districts were abolished, it was more than 15 years before a library was founded.

On the first of January 1887, there was organized by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell "The Young People's Unique Society of Feeding Hills." The purpose of this organization, as stated in the original records was; "for the mutual improvement in mind, thought, word and deed, and a building up of spiritual and moral character, with a proper amount of amusement included."

The by-laws of the Society were unique in more ways than one, for the second by-law states; "Any member disobeying the orders of the President shall pay a fine of ten cents for the first offense, twenty-five cents for the second offense, and he shall be dismissed from the Society for the third offense."

A partial list of original members follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bell, Susie Othick, Ella Gardner, Florence Johnson, Grace Brown, Walter Brown, Charles Wood, Edwin Leonard, Edward Taylor, Lottie Draper, Hattie Fiske, Charles Brown, Dora Dibble, Edgar Griswold, Henry Phelon, Fordyce Knapp, Samuel Holt, James Stewart, Bell Brunland and Lizzie Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell opened their home once in two weeks for these meetings until the Society was well started; then the members were occasionally invited to other homes. For entertainment, papers were written on different subjects, selections of poetry or prose were read and group singing and refreshments filled out the evening. Small plays were staged at Bell's home and at least one in the town hall.

Dues were ten cents per meeting. As money accumulated, they began buying books, with the purpose of starting a library. Among the first were *Ramona* and *Ben Hur*, which two were still to be found in the Feeding Hills Public Library 50 years later.



**MR. & MRS. CHARLES BELL** formed "The Young People's Unique Society of Feeding Hills."



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The evening's program will also include music of comic opera composer Domenico Cimarosa, with the overture of his most celebrated opera *The Secret Marriage*. The music brightly tells the tale of a couple who marry in secret. Their adventures begin when they attempt to match up two friends, who inadvertently fall in love with them instead!

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Additionally, a work by David Leisner will be performed, entitled "Dances in the Madhouse." The inspiration for this came from a lithograph of George Bellows, which depicts four groups of asylum inmates. The piece's movements are Leisner's imagined dance for each group.

A native of England, pianist Stephen Hough frequently performs with the London Symphony, the City of Birmingham Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic, among others. He appears often with such premier orchestras as the Chicago Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Around the world, Hough keeps an active schedule with recitals and festival performances, and will tour this season with Claudio Abbado and the London Symphony and the Orchestre National de Paris with Sir Neville Marriner.

Composer David Leisner began his career in music as a concert guitarist, and actively performed throughout the United States and Europe until a hand injury retired him in 1984. Since that time, he has focused mainly on composition and teaching, winning a steady stream of commissions and grants.

Tickets for the February 8th Great Performers concert are priced from \$5 - \$29 and are on sale now at the Symphony Box Office in Baystate West. Tickets may be charged by phone at (413)733-2291, and limited seats are available at TicketMaster outlets. Group, senior and student discounts are available.

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- 1 Actress Signe  
6 Athens goddess of war  
10 Singer Gluck  
14 Urge  
15 Barber's word  
16 Coil  
17 Spent  
18 "— John" letter  
19 Metal wear  
20 Where to buy cherry-stones  
22 Bothers  
24 Attention-getting word  
25 Bullring cheers  
27 "— for the course"  
28 Snoopy's WWI plane  
33 Is missing  
35 Attempt  
36 Famous plantation  
37 Spines  
38 Depot  
39 Just a dab  
40 Over  
41 Observe  
42 Shackles  
43 Gobi sight  
46 Former Portuguese colony  
47 Take a fast gander at  
48 Scar  
51 In a base manner  
55 Not at sea  
57 Celebe's ox  
58 Young salmon  
60 Galas  
61 Ship's pole  
62 Verve  
63 Put up  
64 Inspires  
65 Gangster Diamond

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3 Use an atomizer  
4 Appear  
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6 Carnegie  
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8 Test  
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10 Job for a tailor  
11 Writer Anita  
12 Shed  
13 Orangutans  
21 European mountains  
23 Varnish ingredient  
26 Baby watchers  
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29 Refrain word  
30 Author Thomas  
31 Work units  
32 N.G. port  
33 "I — song..."  
34 Minute particle  
37 Pouch  
38 Sea (Fr.)  
39 Move  
41 Surgeon's knife  
42 A "Great" one  
44 Underhand throw  
45 Squirrel's nest egg  
48 Particles  
49 Palm genus  
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52 Chew  
53 Facial feature  
54 Ivy league school  
56 One to look up to  
59 Scrap of cloth

## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

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February's monthly meeting is being held on Tuesday, February 11th at Mittineague Congregational Church, Route 20, West Springfield. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. The activity will be completing a Valentine's Day craft.

For further information, please contact Jean Wiernasz, 786-5365.

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## Education

### Granger Students Learn Nutrition From Galarneau

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Agawam School Committee member Linda Galarneau visited Susan Murphy's fourth grade students at Granger Elementary School to discuss nutrition studied in their health textbooks in January.

Mrs. Galarneau is a nutritionist and works in the capacity of Nutrition Program coordinator for the agency of Greater Springfield Senior Services. By explaining her job, she stressed "how important nutrition is, not only in younger years, but all through life."

She noted, "Students should be making good choices now to carry all through life." A poster helped students to discuss what the four basic food groups are, and the important nutrients found in each of the groups.

The children named the dairy food group which provided calcium, and Mrs. Galarneau stated that dairy products such as milk were important for "bone density developed in younger years from the calcium."

She said, "Girls have a growth spurt between ages 10 to 11 and peak around age 12. Their (bone density) growth usually ends around age 15. Boys usually begin later, around 12 to 13 years, and peak around age 14. They end on the average around 19 years-old."

Mrs. Galarneau noted that boys usually do require more calories and that "a balanced diet is important to get the required 40 to 50 nutrients each day from the different food groups."

#### Protein From Meat Group

Students discussed that protein was provided mainly from the meat group, and the grain category provided minerals, carbohydrates, and vitamins. The fourth food group of fruits and vegetables was distinguished by providing vitamins A and C as the most important, as well as other vitamins necessary for good health.

Mrs. Galarneau explained what these nutrients did for the body. "Vitamins help supply energy and preserve protein from the meat group to build your muscles."

She distributed handouts of the four food groups and talked about the importance of eating breakfast in the morning. "We also discussed some unconventional foods that would supply good nutrients for breakfast."

"Parents should discuss three things with their children. The first is: Do I get enough food from the four groups to keep my body healthy? The second is: Do I get enough exercise to accommodate extra calories from the 'other' food group? And the last is more a statement: Remember that foods from the 'other' food group can comple-



LINDA GALARNEAU

ment the four basic groups, but they should not replace them," said Mrs. Galarneau.

#### After The Class Presentation Handed Out Pamphlet

She gave each student a pamphlet about fast foods and what they contained. She said, "We talked about which ones are lacking from the four food groups and what we could order at a fast food restaurant to balance out a meal."

Students responded by adding a salad rather than French fries, a carton of milk as opposed to soda to eat with a cheeseburg. They also discussed the "other food groups" of food, such as pies, cakes and cookies. Mrs. Galarneau said, "These can be added to the diet only with enough exercise and after getting the proper calorie requirement from the four basic food groups. These foods contain empty calories; so you must exercise more."

She explained that fats have twice as many calories as opposed to carbohydrates, and cautioned that inactivity would cause the body to store these fats, thus adding weight gain.

Students were given a prepared "brown bag lunch" with artificial food to test their knowledge (to find which were complete with all four food groups and which were missing some nutrients from the food groups).

Before leaving the class, Mrs. Galarneau passed out a basket of fresh apples for the students to enjoy as a healthy, nutritious snack.

Mrs. Murphy had also asked Mrs. Galarneau to visit her class last year and was pleased with the children's response. She said the students enjoyed Mrs. Galarneau's presentation, and it helped to reinforce good eating habits.

### Foreign Languages To Be Piloted At Granger School

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Granger Elementary School children will have an opportunity to respond "Oui" or "Si" to the questions of "Parle Vous France" or "Habla Espanol" next month. Granger will initiate a pilot foreign language program after school in March that will run through June.

On Tuesday, January 28th, the School Committee unanimously accepted a proposal presented by Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis for the French and Spanish classes that will run one hour per week at the school. A survey was sent out to the 500 students at Granger to solicit interest and 62 responses were received (42 for Spanish and 20 for French).

Mrs. Lewis told School Committee members, "Teachers, textbooks, and educational materials will be supplied by International Educational System (IES) in Northampton. There is a \$10 enrollment fee and parents would pay \$35 per month and would be responsible for getting kids home."

She added, "IES is used by over 1,000 schools throughout the country." Closer to home, Mrs. Lewis said both Longmeadow and Holyoke school systems use IES and were pleased with the programs offered and taught.

"The IES philosophy is given the opportunity, any child can be fluent in more than one language, regardless of their aptitude," Mrs. Lewis said.

The Granger principal said the goal of IES was to "enhance the American image abroad with the belief that all children can learn a second language as easy as they learn English. It is the IES belief that communication should be increased among people."

#### Children Can Learn To Speak First

Mrs. Lewis said that IES used a "natural oral immersion of books, cassettes, tapes, and positive reinforcement. The children can learn to speak first. They then are taught to read and write the language."

"Materials are also brought home and parents are asked to show positive reinforcement by playing the tapes, doing riddles, and singing songs with the children to show they are excited about the second language, too," added Mrs. Lewis.

According to her, the language taught by IES is part of a whole, not just broken down into nouns and verbs. "IES introduces basic vocabulary and goes into phrases. They make it natural and fun. The children learn up to 3,000 words," she said.

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## AFS Teacher - from Page 1...

### Always Wanted To Come To The States

Ana, an English teacher in her home city of San Juan, Argentina, lives with her two parents. Her father is a lawyer. San Juan is in the northwest corner of Argentina, near the Chilean border. She has two brothers and one sister, all of whom are married.

"I have always wanted to come to America. I think it is necessary to live in the culture that you are teaching. And I wanted to improve my English," she told us.

While at Agawam High School (she leaves for Argentina on June 24th), Ana is team-teaching with foreign language teacher Mary Ellen-Bruce Hanrahan in Spanish classes. Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan is the AFS faculty advisor at AHS and supervises the four AFS students at the school this year - Kris Tuerlinckx (Belgium), Florence Laly (France), Jovita Carrasco (Ecuador), and Paola Anselmetti (Italy).

Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan told us that Ana is "doing beautifully at the school" and is fitting right with the rest of the faculty.

Agawam AFS has been planning to host a visiting teacher for the past three years. Teachers on the six-month program (January to June) are mostly from South America and Latin America.

Agawam AFS is the only AFS chapter in New England to be hosting four students and a visiting AFS teacher in the same year.

### Loves Her Host Family

Ana had nothing but praise for the Brindles. She said she was comfortable with her host family and felt as though she had known them much longer than the two short weeks she had been living with them (prior to her interview with us).

"I feel at home here. I wanted to live with a family and see the cultural differences. But I can't find so many differences. We are the same people, living with the same problems inside, in a different world," she said.

Ana teaches English at a private institute and at a bilingual college back in San Juan. She also teaches a course called "English for Special Purposes" (E.S.P.) at the engineering university of the National University of San Juan.

"At the university we teach English for technical purposes and for reading. At the private institute we teach conversation," Ana said.

She began learning English in a private institute when she was seven years-old. Ana continued her studies in English as a second language through secondary school (and for five more years at the university). She has taught English at the university since 1986.

Her degree in Spanish is called "Profesora de Enseñanza Media y Superior en Ingles," which loosely translated means Ana is qualified to teach high school (media) and college or university (superior) English to students.

"When I began teaching, I had to sit for an exam within two or three years to be accepted as a teacher at the university or lose credits. Things have changed recently and student restrictions are not as stringent.

"They (the students) can go to work and come



**AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM teacher (AFS) ANA IRENE ANTIENZA from Argentina (far right) and the four AFS students at Agawam High were the guests of the Agawam Junior Women's Club last month. From left - Rosalie Dialessi, president, Junior Women's Club; Paola Anselmetti, Italy; Kris Tuerlinckx, Belgium; Florence Laly, France; Jovita Carrasco, Ecuador; and Ana. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

back later to the university. Now classes are smaller at the university because students prefer to work more than study," she said.

This past year, Ana's mining engineering class has four students but her civil engineering class has 25 students (at the university).

She added, "At the private institute and bilingual college I had 15 students and that worked beautifully. In the morning we had all subjects in Spanish, and in the afternoon we had all classes in English. The English classes were in math, geography, biology, and in English (speaking and grammar)."

Children at the private institute are as young as seven years-old. "We work in laboratories, watch videos, sing lots of songs, do role plays, see slides, create situations and different activities, and have lots of speech in the class," said Ana.

"My students back home have travelled a lot. A group of students from the private institute went

to Disney World in 1991. I think every teacher has to travel at some time, too. That way we can say we lived the experiences we are trying to teach," Ana explained.

### Taught At University For 10 Years

Ana has worked at the university for 10 years. She said, "In Argentina, English is compulsory at the high school with about 50 students per class. You have to be a strong teacher to maintain your classes. In 1986, I taught 500 students.

"If it were optional (as a second language is in Agawam High School), I think there would maybe be less students per class and they would enjoy it more. It is only my opinion, but I think there would be better behavior as I see here (at AHS) in the language classes," she noted.

Ana says the faculty at the school has warmly welcomed her. She is taking two computer classes and was invited by the Agawam Junior Women's Club to speak about Argentina at the club's January 21st meeting.

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGE - From Page 29...

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., supported the proposal and recommended its acceptance by the School Committee, Bruno said. "I think this would be an excellent opportunity for us to pilot the program at Granger with the idea if it goes well this year, we can look at other schools being included next year."

In place presently within the course offerings in the Agawam Public Schools, Spanish and French classes begin in seventh grade at the Agawam Junior High. Spanish, French, Latin, and Italian are offered in the Foreign Language Department at Agawam High.

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## Charest Receives High Status From Administrators

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This award is the highest professional status that can be awarded to a practicing school business administrator by the Association of School Business Officials International, of which Charest is a member.

Recipients of the RSBA title must meet or exceed the following five requirements:

1. Be a member of ASBO for at least three continuous years.
2. Have general responsibility for the overall business administration of a school district or college, and report to the local board of education through the superintendent.
3. Have at least a master's degree in either educational administration, business administration or an area of school administration.
4. Have spent a minimum of three years in one school or school district or five years in the school business field as a school business administrator.
5. Submit a letter from his or her superintendent attesting to his experience and qualifications.

In addition, he or she is encouraged to be a member of a state or province ASBO and other appropriate professional organizations.

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ASBO is a non-profit independent professional educational association devoted to research, publication, and discussion in the field of school business management, from kindergarten through college levels.

Charest resides in Agawam with his wife, Barbara.

## Band-A-Thon Set To Begin At AHS Feb. 7th & 8th

Strike up the Band! Band-a-Thon is here! Under the sponsorship of the Agawam High School Band Parents Association, the fund drive to replace high school band uniforms moves into high gear on February 7th at Agawam High School Cafeteria.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7th and running continuously until 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8th, students and parents will play, march, dance and perform drills in an effort to raise the necessary funding goal of \$25,000.

A variety of musical and "not-so-musical" performances are scheduled. One thing is certain, not a soul will sleep. Alumni band and colorguard members are encouraged to participate. If alumni wish to take part, please call Scott Thomson at the High School.

Featured during the Band-a-Thon will be performances of the various band and colorguard units of Agawam High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by an alumni Jazz Band at 9:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m., guest conductor Darcy Davis will lead a combined alumni band in what promises to be a highlight of the evening.

An alumni colorguard is expected, and a special performance of alumni parents kazoo band will prove a special treat. D.J. Ken Hill will keep the evening going until 1:00 a.m. Saturday, followed by various student soloists and improvisational performances.

High school rock bands will take the stage at 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. D.J. Bill Daudelin will spotlight the wee hours of the morning until 8:00 a.m., at which time the Junior High School Band will perform. The High School Jazz Band will return to the stage at 9:00 a.m., followed by a resounding "march off" of the Marching Mohawks to end the event at 10:00 a.m.

Don't forget. Band-a-Thon '92 gets underway on Friday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. The public is cordially invited.

So, why not drop by and provide support to the student musicians. There is no admission charge. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you can't come by, please consider sending in a donation via the advertisement found elsewhere in this edition of *The Advertiser*.

## Continental Cable Wins School Award

Continental Cablevision announced its third Cable in the Classroom Award, a program designed to promote the innovative use of cable television in the classroom.

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Deadline for applications is February 14th. Teachers from the communities of Agawam, Granby, Granville, Holyoke, South Hadley, Southwick, Westfield and West Springfield are eligible to enter.

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**Tuesday, February 11th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, diced carrots, apple crisp, milk.

**Wednesday, February 12th:** Rotini macaroni with meat sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled applesauce or strawberry jello, milk.

**Thursday, February 13th:** Roast turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, wheat bread and butter, pudding with whip topping, milk.

**Friday, February 14th:** Tomato and macaroni soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned green beans, Valentine Day cake with icing, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch**.)

We would like to remind you that it is possible to reapply for free and reduced lunches anytime of the school year. If you feel your income has changed, you may qualify for free and reduced meals.

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## Jr. High PTO Sets Feb. 10th Meeting

The Agawam Jr. High PTO will holds its monthly business meeting Monday, February 10th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

The P.T.O. will be mapping out plans for the remainder of the school year, and encourage your attendance.

All future meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month.

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TAMMY MORAN

## HCC Music Award To Tammy Moran

Holyoke Community College music major Tammy Moran was awarded the Student Honor Recitalist by the Music Department for her performance in her Jury exam last semester.

This includes the opportunity to perform in the semesterly Student Honors Recital.

Tammy is also exempt from taking the spring Jury exam and receives one extra college credit. She is studying jazz voice with vocalist Marion Croves. She will perform in the May 5th recital.

Tammy has been on the Dean's List throughout her freshman year and is currently a sophomore.

Tammy is the daughter of Genevieve Chmielewski and stepfather Michael Chmielewski, and resides at 167 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam. Her father, Robert Moran, resides in Moor Park, California.

## Lisa Auchy Makes Dean's List

Lisa Auchy, daughter of Robert Auchy of Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1991 Fall semester at Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, New Hampshire.

Lisa is a Senior and majors in Social Work and Counseling.

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## Reception Set For Exchange Teacher

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Agawam AFS is sponsoring Ana Irene Antienza from San Juan, Argentina, until the end of the school year. Miss Antienza arrived on January 16th and began team-teaching with the Foreign Language Department at Agawam High School on January 21st.

Miss Antienza is being hosted by Richard & Marion Brindle of Barney Street, Agawam, during her six-month stay.

Agawam AFS is also hosting four foreign exchange students as seniors at Agawam High as well.

Miss Antienza will give a brief presentation about Argentina at the reception. Refreshments will follow.

## Joseph McLean On St. Mike's Honors

Joseph McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McLean of Lealand Avenue, Agawam, received a bachelor degree December 21st, from St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.

McLean received a bachelor of arts degree in American studies.

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# Agawam High Band-A-Thon

## It's Here



In February, 1992, a very special event will take place at Agawam High School. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 7 and continuing for fifteen consecutive hours till 10:00 a.m. on February 8, the students and parents associated with the Agawam High School Band will march, dance, twirl flags, sing and anything else musically possible. Why this "music mania"? The purpose is simple—to raise \$25,000.00 to replace instrumental music performance uniforms for the Marching Mohawks and other band units at the High School.

While the goal is simple, the road to reaching the goal is sometimes difficult.

Our map for success needs YOU!!!

**Please consider becoming a band sponsor and pledge your support to keep the Band marching and playing with pride at Agawam High School.**

The Band and Colorguard are asking your support by pledging whatever amount you can, either by the hour or as a flat sum. In either case, all money raised will be used toward the replacement of band uniforms. Your kindness will be repaid tenfold as those students to come will continue to represent the Town of Agawam WITH PRIDE.

**Also, don't forget to stop by the High School cafeteria anytime during the Band-A-Thon to watch students and parents perform their routines.**

If you have already pledged and have not mailed it in, please do so at your earliest convenience. We wish to thank everyone who has already sent their pledges and/or donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students and their parents.



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 Daisy Troop 540

We are having a photographer come in to talk to the girls about taking pictures and developing them. The girls will then practice taking their own pictures. We are going to the Feeding Hills Fire Station to learn about fire safety. We are planning an April hayride.

**Brownie Troop 554**

Recently our troop went on a field trip to Heritage Hall. We thought it might be a good idea to do our Christmas party at the same time. We talked it over and planned ahead with Ann Smith and our trip was a great success. It was the last day of school before Christmas break, and the girls were excited! We sang carols to the residents and continued to the party room, where snacks were provided by Heritage Hall.

Each of our girls brought a gift for exchange with another Brownie. It was the highlight of the party. Our girls, as well as leaders, were pleased to see the smiles on the residents' faces. It put us all in the holiday spirit. We had a great time and are looking forward to our next trip.

**JAMES CLARK SCHOOL**  
 Brownie Troop 544

We were a very busy troop the month of December. We made beautiful crocheted ornaments for the Giving Tree at Baystate West, and also an ornament for our own tree at home. As a step to bridging onto Juniors, we had a holiday field trip with Junior troop 552 to the Trolley Museum. We went down to Connecticut on a beautiful winter's night and took a ride on three different trollies down a beautifully lit track. We had donuts and hot chocolate and a visit with Santa.

We sang Christmas Carols all the way home. We attended the Unit Christmas party at the Agawam Senior Center, organized by Lynn O'Brien and Chris Marsh. We sang through the complex and welcomed hot chocolate on such a cold Sunday afternoon.

Cards were made for the children at Shriners Hospital. During our first meeting of 1992 we made beautiful party hats and made God's eye.

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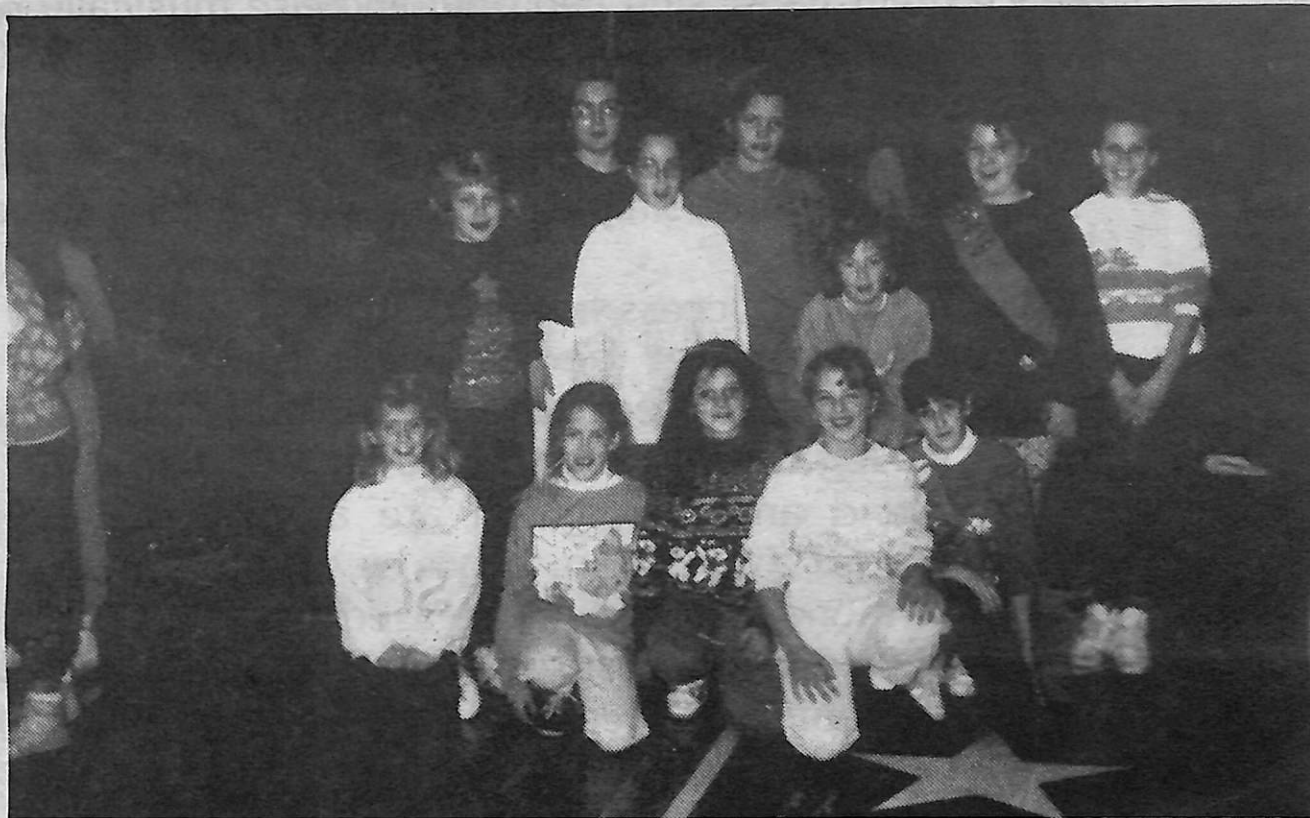
# Happy 16th, Mikey K.




Love,  
Mom, Dad & Dee



**DAISY TROOP 557** enjoyed a wonderful Investiture on January 30th at Phelps School. During the ceremony each girl received her Daisy pin, beginning certificate, and fresh daisys. Shirley Juliano is the troop's leader, and Sue Dempsey and Dee Adams are the co-leaders. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





**MIDDLE SCHOOL TROOP 565** recently enjoyed a trip to the Springfield Civic Center to enjoy a major women's college basketball game between the University of Tennessee and the University of Texas.









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## Katie DeBonville On Honors List

Katie DeBonville, daughter of John & Cathy DeBonville, 62 Charter Oak Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, for the fall semester of the 1991-92 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

Miss DeBonville is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School where she was president of the school's National Honor Society, editor of the school newspaper, MIRROR, and a member of the school's award-winning marching band.

## Kimberly Hodges On Dean's List

Kimberly A. Hodges, a junior at Assumption College in Worcester, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall term.

A student must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher to earn this appointment.

Kimberly is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School, where she was an honor student. She is a pre-law major and will be doing an internship with the Agawam legal department this summer.

She is the daughter of Robert & Ann Hodges of Arbor Lane.

## Jennifer Scalise Gets Salem Honors

Dr. Nancy D. Harrington, president of Salem State College in Salem, is pleased to announce that Jennifer J. Scalise of Feeding Hills achieved the academic honor of making the Fall 1991 Dean's List.

To earn Dean's List status, a student must carry 21 credits or more per semester, and attain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and without incomplete or missing grades during said semester.

Jennifer is the daughter of Robert and Irene Scalise of Provin Mountain Drive.

## Deborah Chartier On Dean's List

Dr. Stephen A. Green, Acting Vice-president for Academic Affairs at North Adams State College is pleased to announce that Deborah Chartier of Feeding Hills has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester 1991 at the College.

Deborah is a member of the Class of 1994 and an English Communications major. She resides at Red Fox Drive.

## Storowton Village Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to beat the winter blahs, get out of the house and meet new people? Become a volunteer for one of Storowton Village Museum's School programs, tours, shops or buildings.

The American tradition of volunteering has enabled Storowton Village Museum to present a glimpse of life in early New England through guided tours and special programs since the 1930's.

The historic Village, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, is seeking adult volunteers for its Look Back and Little Red School House week day school programs. Those interested should be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at least one day a week.

Seize the opportunity to work with a great group of volunteers and some great children age seven to nine. Training begins February 5th for the winter program.

The Village is also looking for adult and teenage volunteers to participate as costumed interpreters of 19th century living history and crafts. Training is provided for all volunteers who will fill the roles as villagers in homes and buildings and as staff in two Village Gift Shops--The Storowton Village Gift Shop and the Potter General Store.

Whether you are already familiar with Storowton Village Museum or would like to learn more about us, the Village is interested in talking with you.

Call Dennis Picard, program coordinator, at 787-0136 for more information about the volunteer program.

## Sandra Albano On Bryant Dean's List

The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant College, Rhode Island, includes two town residents.

Named this semester are:

Sandra Albano, a freshman finance major, or 4 Haskell Street, Agawam; and Richard Pryce, a senior management major, of 1710 Main Street, Agawam.

Students earning a 3.2 or higher grade point average qualify for Dean's List honors.

Bryant is one of the leading colleges of business administration in the nation. It enrolls 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its suburban campus near Providence, and annually provides more than 8,500 business men and women with consulting services and professional development courses through its Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Center for Management Development (CMD), Export Assistance Center, and World Trade Center - Rhode Island on campus.

### GIRL SCOUTS - from Page 34...

We will be busy working on our steps into bridging, and the girls will be busy with the cookie sale.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL Junior Troop 565

On December 19th we enjoyed a basketball event sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Girls Scout Council.

After a basketball clinic with area coaches, the girls enjoyed a pizza party and tickets to the Tennessee vs. Texas University women's basketball game at the Springfield Civic Center. In preparation for this event, a troop basketball clinic was done and basketball trivia game was played.

We earned the Sports Sampler Badge and had a great time. Pictured here, future basketball players!

### NEWS & NOTES

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## Sports

# Lady Swimmers Win Two More; Records Fall

The Agawam High girls' swim team won both meets this week and continue to have an impressive campaign.

On Friday, January 31st, the Brownies defeated Central, 104-82. Erica Vanderhoof was a double winner. The senior won the 100 free in 57.75 seconds, breaking a six year-old AHS record. She also took the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.14.

The 200-yard freestyle relay was also an AHS record-breaker with a time of 1:52.50 (Vanderhoof, Heather Pliska, Lexa Page, and Amy Hume). Heather Pliska won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:15.19, and the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:15.26.

Sandy Angotti was a first place winner by swimming the 500-yard freestyle in 6:41.05. Second place was taken by Lexa Page in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.64 seconds, and by Jessie Crowley in the 200-yard individual medley (2:36.78).

### Girls Take Northampton, Too

On Tuesday, February 4th the AHS girls beat Northampton, 102-84, winning 11 of 12 events. The Brownies won all three relays and Erica Vanderhoof was a double winner. She took the 50-yard freestyle in 26.36 seconds and then dialed long distance in the 500-yard freestyle.

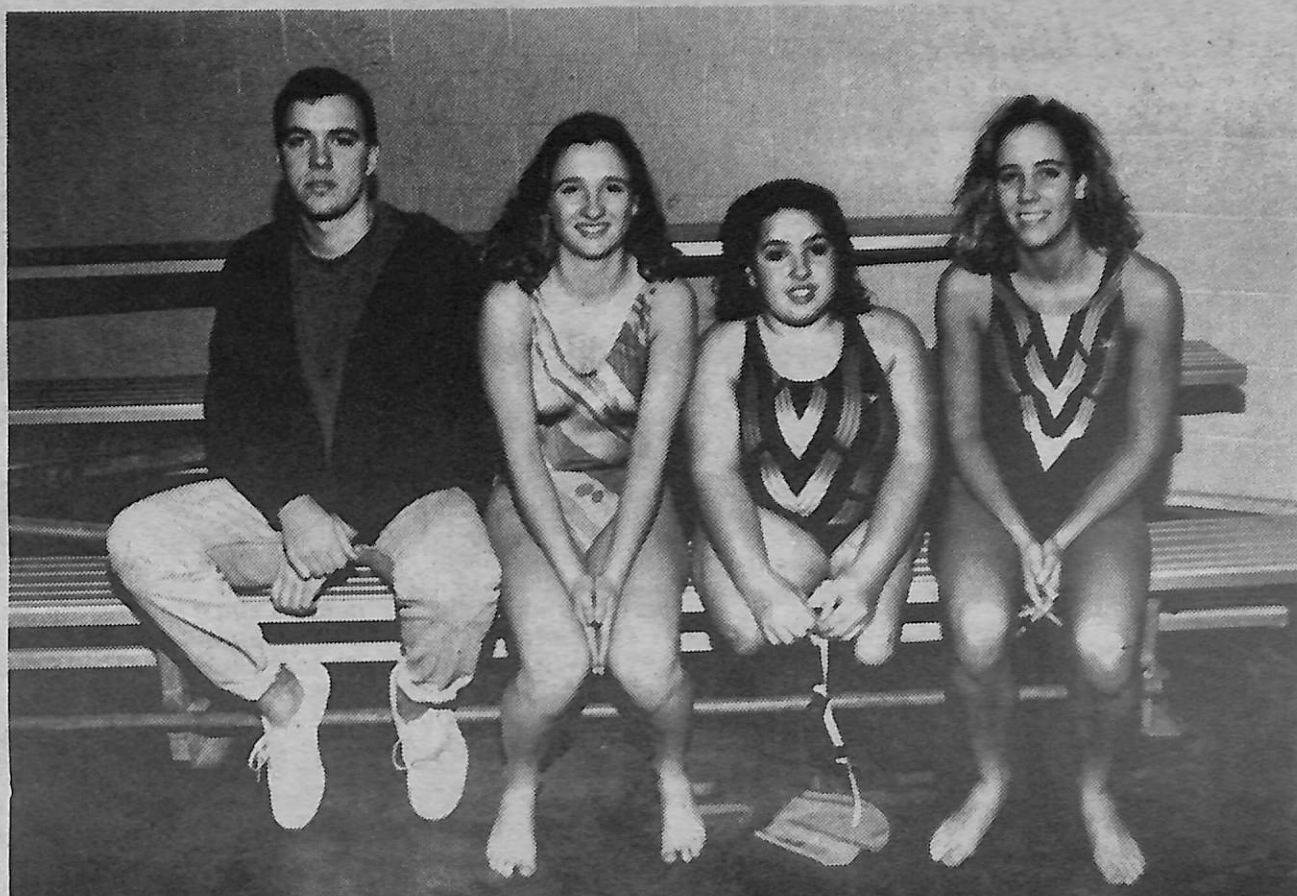
Lexa Page won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:09.75 and also the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:18.97. Heather Pliska also took two wins, including the 100-yard freestyle in 1:01.13 and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:12.89. Sandy Angotti gave her personal best in the 500-yard freestyle in 2:35.15.

### Boys' Team Bows Twice

The boys' swim team lost to Central on Friday, 98-87 and again to Northampton on Tuesday, 102-80.

Against Central the locals won five events. Aaron Orsucci swam the 200-yard individual medley in 2:14.93 for first. Tim Church took the diving event with 144.40 points to qualify for the Western Mass. Meet.

Alan Niemiec won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:01.93 and the 500-yard freestyle was taken by Orsucci in 5:22.03.



**AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' SWIM COACH Jason Osborne and his three 1991-92 varsity captains - Rachael White, Nancy Bazanchuk, and Erica Vanderhoof.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Steve Lewis, Alan Niemiec, Gary Jock, and Orsucci did their best swimming of the season in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:47.73. Jock swam the 200-yard freestyle in 2:13.58 for second place. And Lewis also took second place in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.82 seconds.

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The boys lost again to Northampton on Tuesday by a score of 102-80. The 200-yard medley was won by Jeremy Spring, Alan Niemiec, Steve Lewis, and Aaron Orsucci with a time of 2:06.7. Orsucci won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:14.59 and also the 100-yard butterfly in 59.94 seconds, which was his first time under a minute. The 50-yard freestyle was won in 25.85 seconds

by Steve Lewis and Jeremy Spring won the 100-yard back stroke in 1:12.54.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team broke a school record. Alan Niemiec, Gary Jock, Aaron Orsucci, and Steve Lewis hit the relay in 1:43.34.

Second place winners for the Brownies included Jock swimming the 500-yard freestyle in 6:17.17 and Niemiec swimming the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:15.73. Jason Surriera was also a second place winner in the diving event with 149.55 points.

There will be no meet for either team on Friday, February 7th, but the Brownies will return to the waters against East Longmeadow on Tuesday, February 11th.

## Conte's Troops Blow-Away Lancers

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser News Sports Editor

Those faithful Longmeadow parents that drag their video cameras to hoop game probably had the rewind and erase buttons working overtime at Clifford P. Kibbe Gym in Agawam Tuesday night.

Coach Lou Conte only has eight kids on his 13-2 varsity this year, so you can never accuse him of running up the score because he always has to have at least two of his starters on the floor. The Brownies rolled to an easy 55-18 victory over the Lancers of Longmeadow High.

The game can be summed up easily as the Lancers scored just THREE second half points and that's not going to get any team out of a 38-15 halftime hole.

The way to win a war is to attack from all sides. And the Agawam kids broke into the battle zone Tuesday night with a bombardment from every area of the court (right from the get-go).

Laura Bielitz batted leadoff and drilled a right wing set shot off Conte's motion offense. Sheila Martin was next with a swisher on right wing and then Kim Trudel posted up with a layup at the heart of the Lancer defense.

The visitors played well for the next six minutes or so yet still trailed 18-9 after Molly Auth hit a turnaround off the glass.

That's when junior guard Stephanie Mason stepped up and turned out the lights. She drilled two straight three pointers and that was followed by a Bielitz ceiling scraping left-hander in traffic. Another Bielitz hoop from the corner sent AHS to a 28-13 advantage.

Trudel was next with a steal and coast-to-coaster which resulted in a foul and a made free throw. Cyndi Stone posted up for a deuce on the next trip just prior to another Mason trifecta that

guaranteed the rout. It was 38-15 at the half.

### Things Got Worse For Longmeadow

As if that wasn't bad enough for Longmeadow, Bielitz led the second half with her fourth bucket of the night on left wing. Stone was next slashing through the paint. Trudel posted up and Mason hit the exclamation point with a straight-out three (her fourth of the night).

Longmeadow Coach Mary Murray hit the white flag with a mass substitution as the Brownies extended themselves to 47-15 with 12:10 to play.

The rest of the game was gruesome at times, including a 5:11 stretch where neither team scored. Longmeadow managed just one free throw and one layup while the Brownies weren't making any friends with the statisticians by scoring only 17 second half points.

The 13-2 Brownies are now 4-1 in the Valley Wheel where they sit alone in second place.

## Improved Falcons Can't Touch AHS Girls

by Bob Johnson

Advertiser News Sports Editor

The best part of the Agawam girls' basketball win last Friday afternoon (January 31st) was the fact that it got to actually PLAY basketball for much of the game against Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam beat the Falcons 58-27 in a score that mirrors many of the final verdicts against their Wilbraham opponent over the past few seasons. But, you can take this year's Minnechaug team and bury teams of Minnechaug past.

First, the Falcons have new coach and he has done some nice things with the team. They move the ball crisply on the outside and look into the middle for some points.

Secondly, they have a clue now as to how to get on the backboards and play a little deny defense. They were a much better club to watch.

Finally, the Falcons own a player name Courtney Trombly who is a basketball player. She goes

with the left hand and makes things happen. She's a dynamite little guard who might be a building block for this team to ably compete with other Valley Wheel schools in the near future.

All that aside, the Falcons were playing mighty AHS and things didn't work out in the points column again as the Brownies handled them easily after spending a few early moments probing for weaknesses.

With six minutes played, the Falcons were trailing by only three points (9-6) and AHS was only able to move to a 28-13 halftime lead. Kim Trudel led the way with eight markers in the first stanza and Cyndi Stone fired home seven.

### Throwing In Wacky Shots

Trombly was throwing in some wacky shots that she had to work for. The Falcons were having a great time actually competing with their big

sisters from Agawam.

The locals' Sheila Martin, Kristin Schmaelzle, and Laura Bielitz needed to play well to complement Stone and Trudel in the post. And the supporting cast came through time and time again with excellent passes and just enough offense to account for the big final score.

Junior Stephanie Mason was once again the fuel that made the engine go. She played solidly at point and the Brownies upped their record to 12-2 with six games to play following this win. The locals own a Valley Wheel record of 3-1 as they awaited the arrival of the Longmeadow High Lancers on Tuesday night (February 4th - STORY IN THIS ISSUE).

Trudel led AHS with 16 and Stone added 13. Martin, the lone senior starter, added 10 and Bielitz scored 9.



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## Roarless Lions No Match For Brownies On Mat

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

They call themselves the Lions, but they really didn't have much roar last Wednesday afternoon as the home-standing Ludlow High wrestling team watched as the Brownies of Agawam High took a big bite out of them with a 47-18 victory.

The Brownies remained undefeated on the season in dual meet competition, winning their 45th meet in a row in the process.

It was a day, however, where coach Phil Tomkiel (198th victory as Brownie big boss) got the blood pressure pumping early and then used that energy to motivate his team to a big score in the end.

Chad Boucher, Agawam's 103 pounder, got rocked in the first match of the day, as Tony Davis piled up a big lead and then stuck Boucher at 3:54.

Joe Loudfoot, 112 pounds, tried as hard as he could to pin Don Alves, but had to settle for a 12-2 major decision victory. Pat Brown turned Jon Baxter on several occasions at 119 pounds, but couldn't get him stationary and wound up winning by a definitive 17-1 Technical Fall.

The 125-pound match was terrific. Shawn Rising of the Brownies lost the match 8-7 to Mark Pszeniczny, a defending Western Mass champion, but Shawn has NEVER wrestled a better match.

Rising got the first takedown and got reversed late in the first for a 2-2 score after one. Riding Pszeniczny in the second, Rising gave it up early, but escaped to pull within 4-3.

He then made a beautiful takedown to lead it 5-4 after two periods. In the third, Rising got an early reversal and everybody sat forward expecting the upset, because Shawn let it 7-4 against a very talented Pszeniczny.

It didn't work out. The Ludlow senior got a reversal and two backpoints to lead 8-7, and Rising couldn't work himself entirely free for the escape that would give him a draw or the reversal that would win him the match.

Mike Cooper got a forfeit at 130 pounds and dropped a Lion in :37 in an exhibition match. With that win, Agawam led 15-9, but the score would soon be tied.

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Nathan Wood and Wayne Kapinos were next at 135 pounds and the ultimate result would send Tomkiel through the roof. Wood was wrestling a hell of a match and doing all the right things to win.

He was then penalized a point for an illegal hold. Kapinos hit the floor and laid motionless. After what seemed like a half hour, the match resumed.

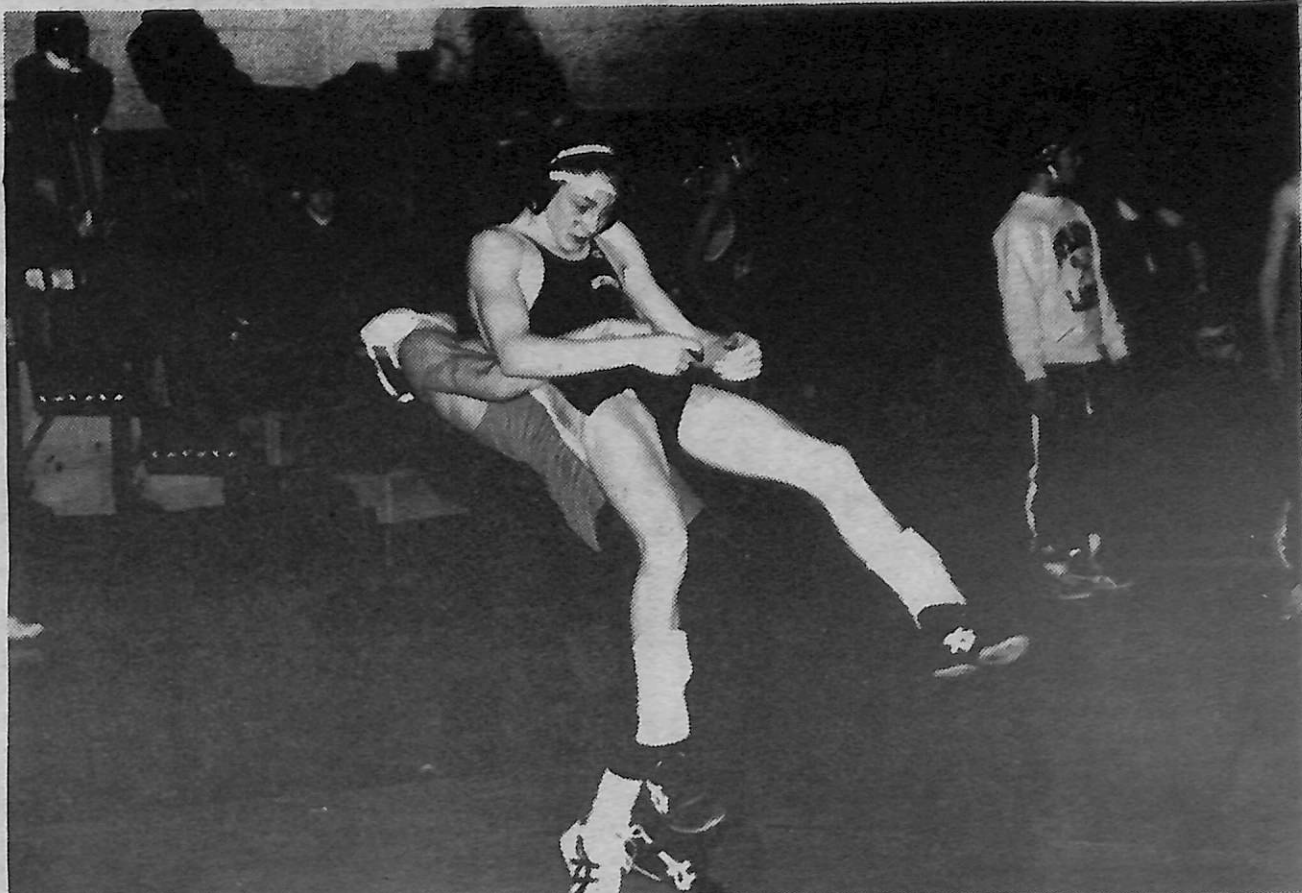
Kapinos stayed behind in the match and when Wood was again penalized for throwing Kapinos to the mat (and why would you do something like that in a sport like wrestling?), Kapinos laid down again. This time he refused to get up and the referee gave the match (and the six points) to Ludlow. He was very able when it came time to rise and accept the victory.

That tied the overall match at 15-15. Tomkiel exhorted his kids, "If you aren't fired up now, you'll never be!" So he sent high flying Mike Bryant onto the mat.

Bryant and Jason Guinipro put on quite a show at 140, as Bryant won a thriller 20-12. Bryant never was behind in the match, but the scoreboard did show scores such as 6-6, 11-10, and 15-12 before he pulled away with the final five points in a thriller.

Vinnie Petrangelo is fast becoming part of the party, as his last three weeks have been very satisfying for him. He pinned Steve Marino at 1:58 and had him lying prone on his back for 1:30 of that span.

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AGAWAM HIGH WRESTLER PAT BROWN is about to slam his Southwick High opponent to the mat in recent varsity action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Quincy (Easy) 45th Straight Victim Of Torrid AHS Wrestling Juggernaut

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

What's next? The eighth graders? This Agawam High wrestling juggernaut is starting to have problems that nobody in the state experiences.

Coach Phil Tomkiel really made a concentrated effort this season to get the best competition he could for his five-time Western Mass. champs. He added the Milford Tournament. He brought his club to the Commonwealth Cup. He scheduled an ultra-tough match against Quabbin/St. John's Prep/Monument Mountain on the road.

He was even excited about the trip to Braintree High to wrestle three Boston area schools in early February. The Brownies were just having too easy a time in this area.

"We wanted to find out about everybody who is out there this season," the 18-year veteran said earlier this season. "We're going to take some road trips and it should benefit us down the line."

### The News Got Worse And Worse

But, an unexpected situation arose this past week. Hoping for a quadrangular meet with Xaverian, Quincy, and host Braintree, the news got worse and worse all week.

First came the news that the Xaverian club would not be participating at all. Then, on Friday morning (January 31st), word came into AHS that Braintree wanted no part of the AHS varsity. It would only be interested in wrestling the AHS junior varsity. That's a good way to toughen your wrestling program, eh?

Quincy did stand tall and proper. And it took its medicine as AHS stamped through the team with a 62-8 walloping that moved the Brownies to 15-0 on the year. It was Agawam's 45th straight regular season victory.

Allie Slieman (145 pounds) gave Vinnie

Petrangelo of AHS a run for his money with a 17-1 technical fall. And Greg Souza downed Mike Bryant at 140 pounds in an excellent match. Bryant stayed with the talented Quincy grappler all the way but could not keep pace in the near fall department. Souza outpointed Bryant, 8-2 in that category. That spelled the difference in a 15-10 thriller.

### Brownies Had Their Way

Otherwise, the Brownies had their way in every match. Shawn Rising continues to wrestle well at 125 pounds as he stayed right in the face of Peter Penwarden to win in an 8-4 muscle tussle.

Pat Brown (119), Mike Cooper (130), and Nathan Wood (135) were handed forfeits in the match. Stuart McGregor slam-banged his way to a 19-4 technical fall at 152 pounds. McGregor secured three cradles early, but his foe wiggled out of each to ultimately survive and save his team a point (technical falls are worth five points; pins are worth six).

The rest of the Brownies heard the referees hand-slam the mat at the conclusion of their matches. Dave McKay was perhaps the most impressive (if only because he came flying out after a lackluster match at Ludlow). McKay rammed his opponent into the rubber in only 16 seconds!

Nick Langone (189) and George Ghareeb (heavyweight) ended the match in copycat fashion. Each won by fall in only 40 seconds. Mike DaSilva (171) went to work early and secured his victory with a 1:37 stick. Meanwhile, the two little guys, Chad Boucher (103) and Joe Loudfoot (112), both worked second period pins to give AHS a quick 12-0 lead. Boucher got his at 2:40 and Loudfoot scored a fall in 3:15.

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## AHS JV Wrestlers Have No Problem Vs. Varsity Side

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

While the Agawam High varsity wrestling team was feasting on Quincy High last Saturday, Coaches Phil Tomkiel and Tom Cascio sent their junior varsity troops into battle against the varsity wrestlers from host Braintree High on the south shores of Boston.

The Wamps (or it is Wimps?) refused to compete against the Brownies and Quincy (they did not want any part of AHS), so the JV wrestlers pounded and pulled for a 66-9 wamping later on in the day.

The Brownies did it by winning by pin eight times and accepting three walkovers. The only JV Brownies to taste defeat were Tariq Yusef and Mike Moreno. Yusef was leading 5-3 in the third when he was reversed and pinned and Moreno was beat at 152 (7-0).

Mike Cooper, Nathan Wood, Chad Boucher, and Pat Brown wrestled for the JVs because Tomkiel wanted them to get in a match due to the forfeits during the Quincy duel.

Cooper spent only 38 seconds working; Boucher was done in just 48 seconds; Brown took 56 seconds. And Wood accepted another forfeit and went in and iced his right arm.

Junior varsity performer Chris Wilkie motored to a 2:26 pin; John Scalise was impressive with a revved up motor early in the proceedings. He pinned in 42 seconds. Domenic Candido completed his pin in just 34 seconds. Heavyweight Mark DaSilva got the quickest shoulder rub in 26 seconds. Tony Tassinari pinned his opponent in 3:17 after piling up a 7-0 lead. Josh Tudryn and Jeremy Jacobsen had to accept forfeits.

Of the eight Agawam pins during the JV meet, the average time of the pin was 1:23 and six of those pins came in 56 seconds or less.

Also on the Braintree mats that day were the Hingham Harbormen. But they had no interest whatsoever in wrestling the Brownies.

### WRESTLING - from Page 38...

Stu McGregor had a kid that just didn't want to fight at 152, so McGregor treated him like a rag doll, pummeling him 20-7, including nine takedowns and seven pushaway escape points. Stu ran a clinic.

Dave McKay got outworked and out-toughed in Ludlow as he dropped an 8-2 decision to Jay Moffett to bring Ludlow to within 11 at 29-18.

But then, the Agawam horses hit the mat. The big guys are Mike DaSilva, Nick Langone, and George Ghareeb. DaSilva raced onto the mat, grabbed Dan Pivin right at the opening whistle, and whipped him soundly before getting the pin at 1:47.

Langone seemed to be searching for just the right move throughout the first period, as he recorded a takedown late in the period for the lone two points. In the second stanza, he got a standing cradle (reminiscent of his Lowell pin at the Commonwealth Cup) and Andy Boyea never had a chance. He was pinned before he hit the mat, as Nicky had locked it up tight.

Really don't know what to say about the heavyweight match because Ludlow's Jose Paulo got pinned by Ghareeb in just NINE seconds. George just grabbed him, slung him to the mat, and laid upon him. It was over.

Ghareeb turned and checked the clock and was disappointed. Why? "Because (Avery) Mock of Central pinned this kid in only eight seconds."

Wow, we do have lofty goals now, don't we? But, that's the way it is when you deal with the Agawam High wrestling team. And they almost achieve what they pursue.

## Brownies Give Cathedral Good Effort In 7-2 Ice Loss To Perennial Power

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Cathedral High hockey team has long been the class of Western Massachusetts, riding a full head and shoulders above the rest of the competition. And, actually, not too much has changed in that department.

Often, they win hockey games by 12-0 and 14-1 margins. They travel the area to find competitive hockey games and really don't have much luck in that department.

That's the foe that Agawam High had to contend with on Thursday night, January 30th, and the Brownies played themselves a representative game before bowing 7-2.

The Panthers came right from the opening faceoff and opened up shop in the Brownie defensive end for the entire first four minutes of the game.

They couldn't slip one by Jason Rocca between the pipes, though, and when Bob Peloquin streaked up the ice behind the pressing Panther defense, it took a whale of a glove save by the Panther goaltender to keep Agawam from taking the early lead.

The Panthers buzzed around all night long, looking for that double digit win, but they couldn't put one past Rocca for the first 13 minutes, and the Agawam defense led by Kevin Fleury and Ben Benton made many telling hits and clearouts to frustrate the ever-onrushing Panthers.

Finally, Greg Towsley picked up a loose puck near the right corner boards. He could smell the goal (it appeared) as he swooped directly to the cage, eluded one defenseman, and slid home the game's first goal at 13:03.

That's how the first period ended, with the Panthers leading it 1-0. In the second, Cathedral got

one from Chris Conz at the :40 mark, and you had to wonder if the rout was about to take place.

But, it didn't. Agawam actually stood tall and met the challenge.

First, Jeff Perrault streaked in on right wing and got robbed as he turned toward the goal and let fly a wrister. Peloquin set up Dave Zielinski racing through the slot, but little Z got his shot sent back at him. Dan McCarthy collected that rebound and sent it wide right.

Ben Benton got free seconds later. The play was whistled offside. Perrault soon had another chance, as he picked up a puck in front on a dangerous bid that was also turned away.

Cathedral continued to pinch in from their defense and Agawam finally broke through. Zielinski stepped in front of a couple of Panther defensemen who were trying to play pepper with the puck, and Z was off to the races.

Nobody laid a glove on him as he went right to the cage and flipped a shot past the netminder to shave the lead to 2-1 at 11:24. This was an interesting hockey game at that point.

Cathedral took some of the mystery out of it with two late goals, as they stuffed one home in a flurry at 12:13, and then got a blazing slapper out of their right defenseman at 14:24 for a 4-1 lead.

Perrault got the third period's first goal, as he scored in front while sitting on the seat of his pants on a feed from McCarthy to reduce the deficit to two goals, 4-2.

The Panthers had the rest of the puzzle covered with three goals in the third, mostly on rebound shots from in tight. The final was 7-2.

## AHS Ski Teams Continue To Impress As Season On Slopes Winds Down

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' ski team had a fine performance in "garbage conditions" Tuesday afternoon as the local raced to a fourth place finish at Berkshire East.

Coach Glenn Olson was pleased with the team's effort as he feels the locals are being bolstered by the strong skiing of youngsters Paul Klisiewicz and Brandon Robb.

Klisiewicz keeps improving, including a Giant Slalom time of 34:40 on January 28th. Robb also is getting better and better, including a Giant Slalom clocking of 35:94 on the Giant Slalom.

The team is still anchored by Ed LaLancette, who constantly spearheads the effort with the team's top time. He finished sixth overall on Tuesday with a time of 40:40 in the Slalom.

Olson also pointed to Brett Gearing, a senior captain, who generally finishes right behind LaLancette in the times. His last two times in the Giant Slalom were 29:12 and 28:90 as he is coming on strong at season's end.

### Girls Concerned With Two Factors

The girls' team will be primarily concerned with two factors when the season's final meet occurs

at presstime. They will be rooting for team member Diane DeLuce to grab a top 10 overall finish to qualify for the upcoming state tournament. She will need to finish third or fourth in order to qualify. But Coach Jim Graveline feels she can do it.

Second, the team finished 8/10ths of a second behind Cathedral in Tuesday's meet and that places them exactly one point behind the Panthers for sixth place on the regular season with one meet left.

Graveline was happy with the performances of Nicole Racicot, Kim Graveline, Maura Payton, and Kerry Blackak. All of these girls have chopped time off their season clockings and continue to improve each week, Graveline told us.

The girls' team was beset by sickness this past week and had two upper level skiers sidelined. Despite these setbacks, the girls performed well. "They're doing an admirable job. They're working hard and they're getting better every week. I can't ask anything more of them than that," said Graveline.

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## Sports A La Carte...

# Boxing Provides Few Thrills

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Had a little bonus time on Saturday night. After a particularly exhausting week, I sat down to watch a movie with my honey. Fifteen minutes into Burt Lancaster's "The Rainmaker," I was out like a light.

She woke me at the end of the flick and I fumbled around for the sports TV listings. They indicated that I could watch MICHAEL MOORER and LENNOX LEWIS, a couple of undefeated heavyweight boxers on HBO.

The doubleheader was scheduled for ten o'clock, so I flipped around the dial with my remote, only to stumble across a Boston College-Georgetown Big East basketball showdown. BC trailed it by seven (76-69) with a minute to play.

The next thing I know, I was involved in a double overtime thriller won by the Eagles, thanks in large part to MALCOLM HUCKABY. The 6'4" sophomore matched ALONZO MOURNING stride for stride the rest of the way, and BC won it 88-86.

Sometimes, you just step in it, if you know what I mean...

The fights weren't great, but they were interesting. Neither guy showed me that one day he'll be champion. They will be bonafide opponents for the EVANDER HOLYFIELDS, MIKE TYSONS (?), and RIDDICK BOWES.

My interest this week will be to see how merciful that MERCILIOUS RAY MERCER will be when he gets to pound on aging LARRY HOLMES on TVKO...

It is very impressive to look at Boston College hockey coach LEN CEGLARSKI and see that he was College Hockey's Coach of the Year three times, and especially noteworthy when you realize that those three awards spanned 20 years. He won it in 1966, 1978, and 1985...

Somebody said to me a couple of weeks ago that he couldn't believe how quiet the media had been this year regarding the continued development of SHAQUILLE O'NEAL. Well, the cat is out

of the bag if you saw what Mr. O'Neal and his LSU Tigers did to RICK PITINO'S Kentucky Wildcats on national television this past Sunday...

Count me among the disinterested in the TYSON trial. It's the same stance that I had for WILLIAM KENNEDY SMITH.

The one I'm watching is MANUEL NORIEGA. That's the important one, the way I see it...

The world will begin focusing in on the Tarentaise Valley in the south of France as Albertville and surrounding towns play host to the Winter Olympics. Interest will only rise in this country if the hockey team begins to do something terrific, or if somebody steps to the forefront wearing the Stars and Stripes.

We, as a nation, picked off just two golds the last time they held this thing. Fifty-five golds are up for grabs...

Bring on the Czechs. So say the U.S. Davis Cup participants who took care of the Argentinians last weekend, with JOHNNY MAC at the controls...

I only knew five of the nine inductees into the Basketball Hall Of Fame last week. I am a big basketball fan. If they put nine people in every year, won't that water down the process?

Basketball is exploding internationally. There are many more people striving to get in there, but let's consider something here. There are just as many pro baseball teams as there are in the NBA. There are 25 players on each baseball team, and only 12 on an NBA roster.

Baseball inducted just two this season (although the Veteran's Committee will vote March 17th). Basketball may be trying to "catch up" a little bit, but they really should be careful...

Playwright NEIL SIMON sums up my feelings: "Sports is the only entertainment where, no matter how many times you go back, you never know the ending."...

## BayWest Pee Wee-I Take Back-To-Back Shutouts

The Bay West Pee Wee-1 hockey team recorded recent back-to-back shutouts in the Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey League.

on Sunday, January 26th, Bay West took on a physical Amherst team on the road. The Bay West squad had a score to settle in this game after losing to Amherst the week before.

Bay West came out flying. Matt Radwanski got his team on the board at 1:26 of the first period, with Jamie Mitchell assisting.

Just 21 seconds later at 1:47, Gabe Guistina made it 2-0 Bay West on an assist from Chris Newbrough. The fired-up Bay West team kept on coming. Less than a minute later, it was Newbrough's turn as he beat the Amherst goalie with Nick Siciliano getting the assist at 2:49.

Trevor Brown completed the first period fireworks scoring an unassisted goal at the four-minute mark to give Bay West a 4-0 first period lead.

Bay West continued its solid play in the second period by getting three more unanswered goals. Gabe Guistina scored his second goal at 1:44 on an assist from Chris Newbrough. At 5:09, Matt Radwanski set up Jamie Mitchell to give Bay West a 6-0 lead. The same combination of Mitchell from Radwanski scored at 7:24 of the same period.

Dan Hershel completed the Bay West scoring at 8:11 of the third period after taking a pass from Brendon Silk.

Goaltender Kevin Murray recorded the shutout for Bay West by coming up with a solid game in the nets. Coach Steve Petrolati said the team really wanted to win this game and each player gave it a 100 percent effort.

Besides an outstanding job in goal by Kevin Murray, the defensive corps of Kevin Coombs, Nick Siciliano, Chris Coelho, Brendon Silk, and Trevor Brown did an excellent job in front of their goaltender.

The total team effort also included the fine two-way play of forwards Jeff Tisdell, Nick Marsh, and Stefan Young.

### Also Beat Greenfield, 1-0

This past Sunday the Bay West Pee Wee-1 squad journeyed to Greenfield and came away with a hardfought 1-0 win.

Eric Daris was in goal and came up with several key saves throughout the game to keep Greenfield scoreless. The game featured up and down the ice play from two determined teams.

The game remained scoreless until midway through the third period. The only goal of the game came when Dan Hershel broke up a Greenfield player just inside the blue line. Jamie Mitchell pounced on the loose puck, skated it deep into the zone, and centered a pass to Matt Radwanski. Matt deflected the disc past the Greenfield netminder. That goal came at 4:51.

Coach Petrolati was especially pleased with the back-to-back shutouts, saying he received great goaltending from both Eric Daris and Kevin Murray, as well as excellent two-way play from every other member of the team.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



### Agawam Revolver Club

If you are thinking of joining a Revolver Club this spring and looking for a good club to be associated with, you don't have to look too far.

The Agawam Revolver Club, Inc. is offering a National Rifle Association sponsored basic pistol marksmanship and safety course on March 16th and 18th.

The course is open to the public, as well as club members. Anyone wishing to join the club must first take this course. The event will be held at the indoor range at 234 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Class is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on both days. Attendance at both classes is mandatory for certification. The course demands a written and practical test.

The cost of the course is \$60. Ammunition, firearms, study material and handouts are included in the price. The students must provide their own eye and ear protection.

No one under 18 years of age will be admitted to the class without a parent or guardian taking the class.

The Revolver Club will have a booth in the upcoming Sportsmen's Show at the Eastern States Exposition. Mark Poirer, President, is looking for volunteers to man the booth. You can call Mark at 786-8239.

The Ninth Annual Springfield Sportsmen's Show will be held February 20th to 23rd at the Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield.

The show will have as many booths as in the past, and an additional few that will be a delight to the customers. One addition is a 30 foot long gorgeous gorge of gamefish Aquarium, which contains the gamefish of the Northeast—small and largemouth bass, northern pike, walleyes, bowfins, trout, salmon, as well as other warm and cold water fish which can be viewed in their habitat.

There will be a "Turkey Calling Contest," bowhunting seminars, salt water fishing seminars, as well as fresh water. New this year are the two archery shooting areas. One will be for adults, one for kids. I believe that you will have to bring your own equipment. For clarification, you can call 594-2085.

Show hours are Thursday, February 20th, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, February 21st, to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A reminder that the Mawaga Club is holding its Ice Derby on February 9th. Cash prizes will be awarded for different categories of fish caught. The club will furnish the hole and tip-ups for \$5 a hole. The Derby will start at 9:00 a.m. and run to 12 noon for the first period. The second part will run from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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## Mawaga Set For Ice Fishing Derby



**THE AGAWAM MAWAGA CLUB** off Adams Street are all set for its Annual Ice Fishing Derby slated for Sunday, February 9th, at the club's pond. Two sessions are planned - 9:00 a.m. to noontime, and noontime to 3:00 p.m. Club members will cut holes and give tips. The public is invited. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Mawaga Club members Mitch Bulat, Tom Vining, Claude Talbot, Norm Roberts (chairman of event), Joe Argiro, Woody Roberts, and Skip Mallette (president) test out the ice; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, members Pete Anton (left), Woody Roberts, and Harry Camyre will also be on hand to assist the public. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Loss To West Side Hurt AHS Hoop In Valley Wheel

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

West Springfield High School slowed the Agawam High boys' basketball team's Valley Wheel charge by handing the visitors an 84-69 setback Tuesday night in West Side.

Brian Lefebvre pumped home 32 points to lead West Side. The Terriers dropped AHS to 3-2 in the Valley Wheel and 6-9 overall.

Brendon Gallagher had a monster night with 30 for the locals and Jason Blackburn checked in with 11.

The Brownies trailed 44-28 at the half as the Terriers shot well from the outside in the early going. The Brownies came back strong from the locker room and used a 12-1 spurt to get within five early in the second half.

Coach Mike Martin of the Brownies was disappointed with the loss and felt that the early sidelining of Blackburn on fouls might have told the story of this game.

"Jason had two fouls in the very early going and picked up his third a moment or two later. Then two quick fouls in the second half on him made us play the rest of the game without our best guard. That really hurt us and basically took us out of any chance that we had to come back," said Martin.

The loss was especially sour for the Brownies who had played far and away their best game of the season this past Friday night when they downed Valley Wheel co-leader Chicopee Comp by 10.

Agawam looks to get back on the winning track when it travels to winless Westfield on Friday night, February 7th, in the Whip City.

### CHIBA - from Page 42...

H.R. 1330 has been filed in Washington, which will gut the wetlands protection under the Clean Water Act. The bill is being pushed by powerful oil and gas industry, real estate developers, the timber products industry and some agricultural groups. The bill has been promoted to members of Congress through well-financed campaign of misinformation and hysteria.

If enacted, it will eliminate millions of acres of vital wetlands, resulting in accelerated declines in waterfowl populations, and the loss of fisheries. It is a **Greed Bill** and every member of Congress must be told loud and clear that this bill has an anti-hunting and anti-fishing position.

The bill would designate the Army Corps of Engineers as the sole regulatory authority, and would eliminate the **Environmental Protection Agency's** oversight role in the program. The bill would also put millions of important wetland acres at risk by political **redefinition** that would no longer consider them as "wetlands" for the purpose of protection.

This grab is being made while everybody in the USA is worried about jobs, medical coverage and taxes. Everyone, whether they fish or hunt, should be concerned about this give-away bill.

Send a card or call Congressman Olver, as well as Senators Kennedy and Kerry, about fighting this legislation. Again, the number of the bill is H.R. 1330. It has to be done right away.

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## Sign-Ups Held For Sacred Heart AA



The Sacred Heart Athletic Association held its sign-ups for baseball and softball the past two weekends at the Parish Center. League officials conducting the sign-ups included, from left - Lou Massoia, Andy Sidusky, and Pat Renna.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AAA Piranhas Weekly Swim Results

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team hosted the Chicopee team at the Agawam Junior High School on January 25th, 1992. The results included:

### GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Laurie Chmielewski, Amanda Fox, Christina Climo, and Bianca Chase placed second.

The team of Bianca Chase, Lisa Menzone, Brittany Taylor, and Kyleigh Egan placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Kaitlyn Morris, Katie Moore, Rachel Morris, and Laurie Chmielewski placed second.

Hilary Golas, first in 25-yard freestyle. Amanda Fox, second, and Hilary Golas, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Bianca Chase, first, and Christina Climo, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Brittany Taylor, first in 25-yard backstroke.

Ashley Roberts, second, and Christina Climo, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

### BOYS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of William Bond, Wesley Scott, Brian Pedersen, and Michael Thomas placed first.

Ryan Sullivan, second, and Michael Thomas, third in 100-yard individual medley.

Wesley Scott, first, and William Bond, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Wesley Scott, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Michael Bonesteel, first, and William Bond, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Brian Pedersen, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

### GIRLS 9-10:

The team of Jessica Jensen, Shannon Costa, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Jennifer Modzelesky placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; the team of Kirsten Schuster, Shaunessy Egan, Katie Kilrain, and Dawn Bucalo placed third.

Jennifer Modzelesky, first, and Caitlin Weisgerber, third in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Dawn Bucalo, Shannon Costa, Kirsten Schuster, and Kimberly Sullivan placed first; the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Raquel Rodriguez, Sarah Bates, and

Jessica Jensen placed third.

Shanna Raymond, second in 50-yard freestyle. Shaunessy Egan, first, and Caitlin Weisgerber, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Jennifer Modzelesky, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Jessica Jensen, first, and Dawn Bucalo, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, first, and Katie Kilrain, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### BOYS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Eric Pedersen, Jeffrey Rivkin, Michael Grant, and Thomas Casiello placed first.

Michael Grant, first, and Jeffrey Rivkin, second in 100-yard individual medley.

Thomas Casiello, first, and Nick Duquette, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Jeff Rivkin, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Thomas Casiello, first, and Nick Duquette, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Eric Pedersen, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### GIRLS 11-12:

The team of Patricia Olson, Eileen Daly, Danielle DeForge, and Tara Rivkin placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Patricia Olson, first, and Eileen Daly, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Kelly Robinson, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Kelli Kunkel, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Patricia Olson, first, Kristine Modzelesky, second, and Kelly Robinson, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Kelli Kunkel, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, first, and Kristine Modzelesky, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### BOYS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Hugh Allen, Asa Allen, Brendan Kilrain, and Matt Slattery finished second.

Matt Slattery, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Hugh Allen, first, and Asa Allen, third in 50-yard freestyle.

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### GIRLS 8-11

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### BOYS 13-15

Grimaldi & Burzduk	5	0
Agawam Firefighters	4	1
Professional Traffic Systems	3	2
Worldtek Travel	2	3
Provin Mt. Farm	1	4
Westfield Savings	0	5

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Matt Slattery, second in 50-yard butterfly.  
Hugh Allen, second, and Brendan Kilrain, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, third in 50-yard backstroke.  
Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### GIRLS 13-14:

Rachel Niemiec, second in 200-yard individual medley and second in 100-yard backstroke.  
Amy Hume, second in 100-yard butterfly and first in 100-yard freestyle.

### BOYS 13-14:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Scott Guyer, Michael Robinson, Jonathan David, and Chad Abdow finished third.

Michael Robinson, third in 200-yard freestyle.  
Jonathan David, third in 50-yard freestyle.  
Michael Robinson, second in 100-yard freestyle.

## St. Mary's Grabs Round Two Title In Easy Fashion In Tri-Parish Bowling

St. Mary's put an exclamation point on a great Round Two by not only capturing the round championship but by shelling its closest challenger, second place St. Anselm (22½ wins), three wins to one.

With one week left in Round Two, St. Mary's (32½ wins) continued its complete dominance of the competition.

In the victory, St. Mary's were led by leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (274) and BOB COELLN (289-Men's Class B leader at 92.0). St. A's winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (258) and new captain TIM SHEEHAN (309). Tim will now assume the responsibility of leading St. A's into battle as former captain DENNIS KAWA, the top roller in the entire league, had to resign. Sheehan has been subbing at a 105.12 clip and should fill in admirably.

Third place Fordham (20 wins) and fourth place Boston College (20 wins) split in week 10, two wins each. Fordham winners were ESTHER DEPALO (255-248 over TINA FRAPPIER) and JANICE MOCCIO (276). Substitute captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO (324), who is filling in for the vacationing SHIRLEY SARACINO (second in women's rolling at 101.7), won for BC over "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, the substitute captain of Fordham (276). Lou is filling in for the vacationing OLLIE MULDER, who is still roaming the country and says all is well.

Fifth place St. Michael (19½ wins) took three wins from eighth place Catholic University (18 wins).

Leading the way for St. Mike's were VENETTA SNYDER (269), and RENEE JURY (275-272 upset over JIM SNYDER). Renee is second in the Women's AA at 92.59 while Snyder is in third in the Men's AAA at 101.16. Winners for CU were CAROLINE COELLN, the top women's roller in Class A (262-90.26), and captain RICH SNYDER, a 331-315 victory over St. Mike's veteran captain, FRED MORASSI. Rich Snyder leads the Men's

Class AA in rolling at 103.29 (should be in Class AAA) while Morassi tops the Men's Class A at 97.59.

Sixth place St. Louis (19½ wins) and ninth place Georgetown (17½ wins) met in week 10 and St. Lou came out on top, three wins to one.

Winners for St. Lou were JAY LAGODITZ (257), JEAN BUONICONTI (a 290-283 winner over "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI in a fine match; Jean leads the Women's Class AA at 93.54), and captain JIM HOAGUE (298). Hoague defeated G-Town captain DEBBIE POIRIER (282), who is experiencing back problems. Debbie is leading the women in rolling at 102.39. She thought that perhaps she should have sent her husband, "Nifty" LANCE POIRIER to roll for her again (Lance hit a 352).

The only G-Town winner was JOHN MLINEK, a 291-283 conquerer of JOHN LONCRINI of St. Lou. "Steady" Eddie says he should think about taking another vacation to boost his average (which has been dropping of late).

In the final match of the night, Notre Dame (18 wins) completely swamped and blitzed poor last place Holy Cross (12½ wins), four wins to none.

ND winners were leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (276-Maybeth leads the Women's Class B with a nice 87.28 average), "Frolicking" FRANK CERPOVICZ (302), and captain STEVE MOCCIO, who fired a huge 341 to completely overwhelm HC captain LARRY VIENS (317). Moccio leads the circuit in scoring at 107.45 while Viens is in second in the Men's Class AAA at 101.20.

The only winner for poor HC was the reliable VI MASSOIA (266, 91.42 in Women's Class AA).

Incidentally, watch out for the battle between Steve Moccio and Tim Sheehan for the league's top scoring honors. The two are close friends and the rivalry is just starting to grow.

## Camping & Outdoor Show Coming To Eastern States Expo Feb. 14-17

The 1992 Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show will be opening soon, and this year's event will be bigger and better than ever before.

The theme of the show is "62-'92 30 YEARS OF FAMILY CAMPING." The members of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 of NAFA annually produce the event to finance the Chapter's year-round activities and to support local camping and conservation programs and organizations.

Show dates and times are Friday, February 14th, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 16th, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Monday, February 17th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in West Springfield at the Better Living Center and the Young Building on the Eastern States Exposition grounds.

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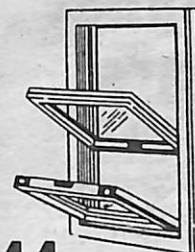


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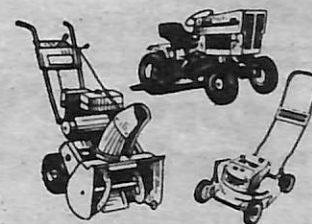
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